



City of Chicopee Consolidated Plan FY2015-2019

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Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Every five years, HUD requires Entitlement Communities to create a Consolidated Plan to assist in determining community needs and establishing affordable housing and community development priorities. The City of Chicopee, as an Entitlement Community for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, has undertaken a community-wide dialogue in the development of this Consolidated Plan. The City, as a member of the Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield HOME Consortium, further assisted in the development of the Consortium's Consolidated Plan, which identifies regional Affordable Housing needs and priorities.

The Consolidated Plan Fiscal Year 2015-2019 is the strategic plan for allocating federal funds to maximize positive impact for low and moderate income persons. Consistent with HUD's priorities, the City of Chicopee has prioritized the goals of Decent Housing, Economic Opportunities, and Suitable Living Environment including provision of public services. The greatest opportunities to create economic opportunities lies within the redevelopment of Chicopee's Brownfield sites. Many of the priorities within the Consolidated Plan capitalize upon the reclamation of former Brownfield sites and the City's desire to achieve mixed use development that creates economic opportunities and that provides recreational and open space for residents.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Through data gathered from the citizen participation process, existing community reports, and quantitative data, the City has established the following high-priority needs:

- Enhance economic opportunities by redevelopment of Brownfields, Industrial, and Commercial properties;
- Encourage small business creation and expansion within the Downtown;
- Maximize affordable housing opportunities by creating and preserving affordable rental and homeownership housing;
- Strengthen neighborhoods through investment in public infrastructure, parks and open space, and public facilities;
- Increase health outcomes by addressing lack of access to affordable, nutritious food and recreational opportunities;
- Invest in public services that provide new or improved access to programs that serve youth, seniors, and at-risk, vulnerable households; and,

- Coordinate efforts with regional homeless providers to assist in the stabilization of individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Chicopee is responsible for ensuring the compliance with all regulations associated with Community Development Block Grant program and HOME projects undertaken within the City.

The City's Annual Action Plans and associated Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs) provide the specifics of projects and programs undertaken by the City. During the prior Consolidated Plan period (2010-2015), the City was successful at investing resources to address priority needs, ensuring compliant implementation of projects and programs, and achieving anticipated outcomes. Accomplishments during that period include successful conversion of a Mill Building into a mixed-income project, homebuyer counseling and financial assistance to over 150 first-time homebuyers, a Chicopee Center streetscapes improvement program, and clearance and demolition of 23 acre Brownfields site.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The City through the Mayor's Office, the Planning Department, and the Community Development Department implemented a broad-based approach to maximizing citizen participation and stakeholder participation. Citizen Participation efforts included three neighborhood forums, a stakeholders session with downtown property owners, as well as Consortium meetings.

5. Summary of public comments

A summary of public comments is found within Section PR-15 Citizen Participation.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

The Consolidated Plan is the outcome of an extensive, comprehensive effort to identify community needs and effective investment strategies to meet those needs. The City of Chicopee has crafted a detailed strategic plan to achieve desired outcomes in each of their priority areas of decent housing, economic opportunities, and suitable living environments.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	City of Chicopee	Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Chicopee is a direct Entitlement Community for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and a member of the Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield HOME Consortium. As a member of the H-C-W Consortium, the City receives a proportional allocation of HOME funds annually.

The Community Development Department is the City Department charged with the administration of the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Home Investment Partnership (HOME). The Community Development Department prepares all plans and reports, provides financial oversight, and monitors program compliance.

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Chicopee through its Community Development Department undertook extensive consultations with relevant agencies, organizations, and community-based groups to obtain input on priority needs, recommended strategies, and investment opportunities. The consultations were conducted through a variety of methods including one-on-one interviews, stakeholder sessions, and meetings with existing networks

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).

The Community Development Department, which is responsible for the development of the Consolidated Plan, also coordinates many of the housing, planning, and homelessness initiatives within the City. The Department coordinates with the City's Planning Department on neighborhood based planning efforts and redevelopment activities. The Department participates on the regional homeless Continuum of Care. Finally, Community Development maintains continued collaboration with the Human Services providers, the Council on Aging, and the Parks and Recreation Department, as the entities that develop services for the city's low and moderate income persons.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The City of Chicopee, as a member of the Western MA Continuum of Care (CoC), has adopted the goals within the Massachusetts Plan to End Homelessness. The City of Chicopee shares the State's goals of 1. increasing the number of permanently supportive housing units; 2. improving job readiness and achieving employments; 3. providing homeless prevention and rapid re-housing assistance; and, 4. providing case management services to increase the likelihood of residential stability.

A City representative serves on the Board of Directors of the Western MA Continuum of Care and attends the regularly scheduled meetings. During those meetings, policy and program priorities are identified.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

The City of Chicopee has been an active participant in the Western MA CoC. The City of Chicopee has consulted with the Western MA CoC and regularly consults with non-profits, housing authorities, state agencies, advocacy groups, and property developers.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2– Agencies, Groups, Organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Hampden County Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services - Homeless Service - Fair Housing Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Continuum members were consulted during a regularly scheduled CoC Meeting. Members spoke of need to provide services to transition families from State-funded hotels, and the need for more dedicated affordable housing for households who had poor tenancy histories or problem CORIs. The anticipated outcome is additional focus on dedicated affordable housing options for hard to house persons and households.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Chicopee Council on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Elderly Persons Services - Persons with Disabilities Services - Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted at a Stakeholders meeting. Issues identified include the lack of affordable independent living options for those elders who wished to sell their homes but had no real options, as well as additional issues of necessary services and aging in place services. The anticipated outcome is the exploration of various co-housing models for elders.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Chicopee Boys and Girls Club
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Children Services - Health Services -Education Services - Employment Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a stakeholder session. Issues included physical improvements needed at the Club, a need for expanded afterschool activities, and increased demand for basic necessities. Anticipated outcome will be to explore opportunities for partnerships for efficient service delivery.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services - Children Services - Elderly Persons Services - Persons with Disabilities Services - Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Homeless Services - Health Services - Education Services - Employment Health Agency Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a stakeholder session as well as private consultation. Issues discussed included a need to focus on health initiatives/healthy community outcomes, the challenges of placing hard to house households, and opportunities for housing and commercial redevelopment in downtown. Anticipated outcome is a housing initiative in downtown.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted in a stakeholder session. Issues identified included need for adults to be offered programs that lead to economic security, increased demand for food, and lack of food security for many low and moderate income households. Anticipated outcomes include exploring opportunities to enhance community gardens and the opening of a local supermarket.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	WestMass ElderCare
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Elderly Persons Services - Persons with Disabilities Services - Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted in a stakeholder session. The agency identified the increased demand for aging in place and supportive services for seniors. Anticipated outcomes include continued funding.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Chicopee Department of Public Works
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – Local Grantee Department

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department was consulted within a Department Senior Management meeting. The Department identified the continued need for infrastructure improvements and the need to coordinate improvements with major water/sewer replacement projects. Anticipated outcome is better coordination.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Chicopee Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services - Housing Service - Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted in a one-on-one consultation. Issues identified include demand for affordable housing and employment programs for residents. Anticipated outcomes include exploration of opportunities for partnership using PHA resources within private developments.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Chicopee Parks & Recreation Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Children Services - Elderly Persons Services - Persons with Disabilities Services - Health Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department was consulted during a Department Managers Meeting. The Department identified ongoing park improvement programs including increased accessibility. Anticipated outcomes include continued investment in park improvements.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	River Valley Counseling Center, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services - Persons with Disabilities Services - Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a stakeholder session. The agency identified the need for additional scattered-site housing for HIV/AIDS households. Anticipated outcomes include exploration of partnership for dedicated HOPWA units.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	HAP, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services - Homeless Service - Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a regional housing forum. The agency identified the opportunities to expand homeownership in coordination with tax taking and the insufficient supply of deeply subsidized rental housing. Anticipated outcomes include identification of rental housing development opportunities.

12	Agency/Group/Organization	The Care Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services - Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Homeless Services - Health Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a stakeholder session. The agency identified the need for additional support and housing for homeless households, especially those with young mothers. Anticipated outcome will be the exploration of partnerships between affordable housing developers and providers to create dedicated units.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Womanshelter/Compañeras
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Persons with Disabilities Services - Victims of Domestic Violence Services – Health Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a stakeholder session. The agency identified the need for additional support and housing for homeless households, especially Victims of Domestic Violence. Anticipated outcome will be the exploration of partnerships between affordable housing developers and providers to create dedicated units.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Chicopee Savings Bank
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis Major Employer

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The private lender and foundation was consulted in a one-on-one consultation. The Bank President identified the need to expand homeownership, improve the quality of older housing stock, and invest in projects that support the redevelopment of long abandoned sites like Uniroyal. The anticipated outcome will be a continued focus on Buyer Assistance and Commercial Redevelopment projects.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Soldier On
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service - Veterans
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a one-on-one consultation. The agency identified the increasing numbers of veterans who are in need of housing and services. Of particular concern is lack of options for female veterans. Anticipated outcomes included development of Veterans Housing options.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Chicopee Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Chamber leadership was consulted in a stakeholder session. Members spoke of essential investments and improvements needed in Downtown to support the local businesses. Anticipated outcomes include evaluation of Downtown investments that increase economic viability and support additional downtown businesses.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization Planning organization

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted in a regional planning meeting. Discussion included impact of Route 91 improvements and a casino development on area communities. Improved coordination on regional development projects is necessary.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

All agency types were consulted

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	City of Springfield	The City of Chicopee will continue to support the development of affordable housing with special attention given to at-risk populations.

Table 3 – Other local/regional/federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

During the Consolidated Planning process, the City of Chicopee sought input and guidance from all of the major housing, health, mental health and service agencies. Many of the key stakeholders operate on a regional basis and therefore their input demonstrates the cooperation and coordination that exists. As members of the Western Mass Continuum of Care and of the regional Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield HOME Consortium, the City of Chicopee plans and implements key housing and homeless initiatives on a regional basis.

The implementation of Consolidated Plan's strategies will be coordinated with regional efforts while responding to the identified needs of Chicopee's low and moderate income persons.

Narrative

PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City of Chicopee reviewed its existing Citizen Participation Plan and compared its efforts to the best practices identified by HUD. Many of its past practices were consistent with the HUD recommendations. These successful efforts included broadly advertised hearings held at convenient locations during evening hours, utilization of relevant community-focused plans, and an ongoing dialogue with key stakeholder organizations.

The Citizen Participation process enabled the City to establish Consolidated Planning goals that capitalized on existing networks, identified opportunities to leverage existing investments, and to focus the investment of public resources on the highest priority needs.

Table 4 - Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	On 12/1/2014, the City through its Community Development Department conducted a public hearing at the City's Main Library at 6:30. Fifteen (15) participants including elected officials attended.	Attendees spoke of need for economic development, utilization of Brownfields and under-utilized commercial properties, and programs to increase homeownership, and expanded social service programs, especially for elders and veterans.	All comments were accepted	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Stakeholder Session	Stakeholder Session	On Wednesday, 2/4/2015, the Community Development Department conducted a stakeholder session to solicit input on the Consolidated Plan priority and Annual Action Plan allocation process	Attendees spoke of concerns about cost of basic necessities for low income households, especially food security and access to nutritious food. Attendees spoke of services for elders, aging in place services.	All comments were accepted	
3	Public meetings	Non-targeted/ broad community	The City held a series of neighborhood meetings in each of the CDBG eligible neighborhoods. Meetings were held in the evenings in neighborhood facilities. Meetings were publically noticed. Attendance ranged from 4-20 residents.	Residents spoke of a continued need for public infrastructure investments, and the lack of recreational and open space.	All comments were accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	On 5/4/2015, the City through its Community Development Department will host a public hearing to present the draft Consolidated Plan and draft Annual Action Plan.	Attendees spoke of support for economic development efforts and neighborhood stabilization.	All comments were accepted	

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

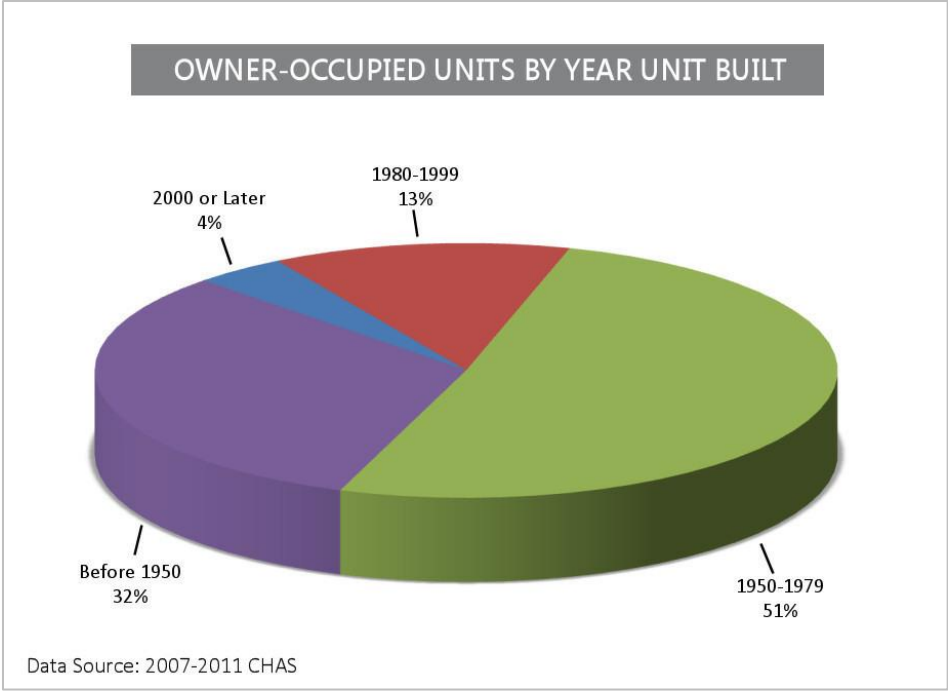
Needs Assessment Overview

Chicopee is a city located on the Connecticut River in Hampden County. It is part of the Springfield, Massachusetts Metropolitan Statistical Area. The city is made up of several neighborhoods, the result of the city's origin as a collection of villages in the northern-most part of Springfield, which it seceded from in 1848. These villages are now represented by the neighborhoods of Aldenville, Willimansett, Chicopee Center (Cabotville), Chicopee Falls, and Fairview.

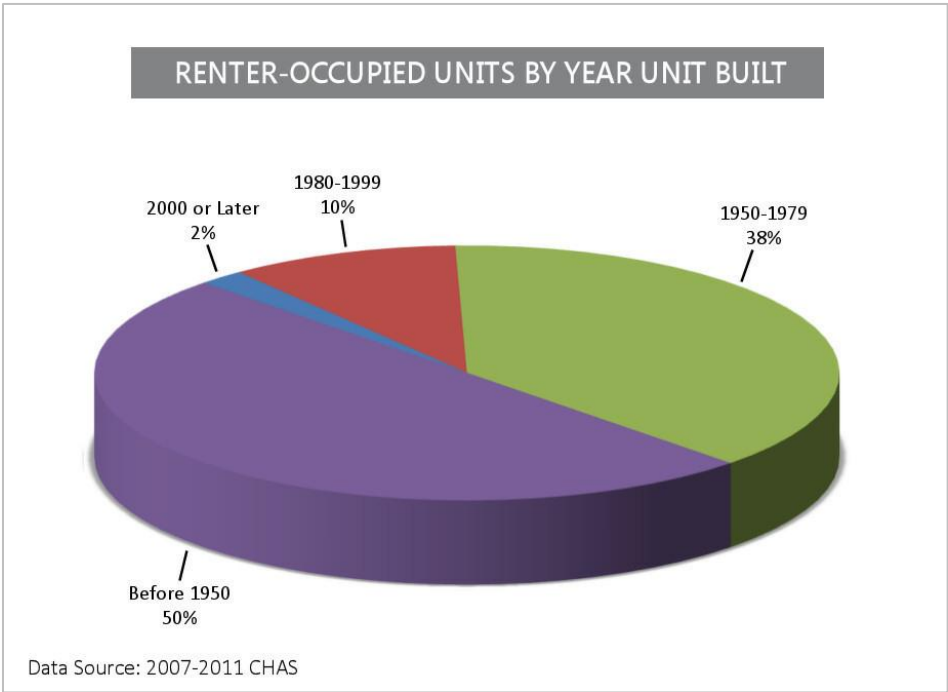
Chicopee's unique position at the confluence of the Chicopee and Connecticut Rivers, with easy access to the Interstate Routes 90 and 91, and as home to Westover Air Reserve Base, the largest air reserve base in the United States, has given the city significant advantages over many older urban communities. Yet, Like Gateway Communities across the Commonwealth, the city of Chicopee has continued to need to adjust to the changing times, markets, and economic opportunities.

According to the American Community Survey data, the city's population has remained stable with a 1% growth from 2000-2011. The city is home to 55,205 persons residing in 23,136 housing units. Chicopee's stable population has experienced an increase of 28% in household income from the 2000 median income of \$35,672, to the 2011 median income of \$45,763. Housing costs have outpaced the increase in median income and current housing costs are beyond the reach of low-income families. About 9.6% of families and 12.3% of the population are below the poverty line, including 19.5% of those under age 18 and 9.3% of those aged 65 or over.

In addition to insufficient affordable housing stock to meet the needs of lower income households, the condition of Chicopee's housing stock is an additional area of concern. With more than 83% of Chicopee's owner-occupied housing stock and 88 % of its rental stock constructed pre-1980, the stock is likely to have a risk of lead paint. Even properties that meet current standards for habitation have varying degrees of rehabilitation needs.



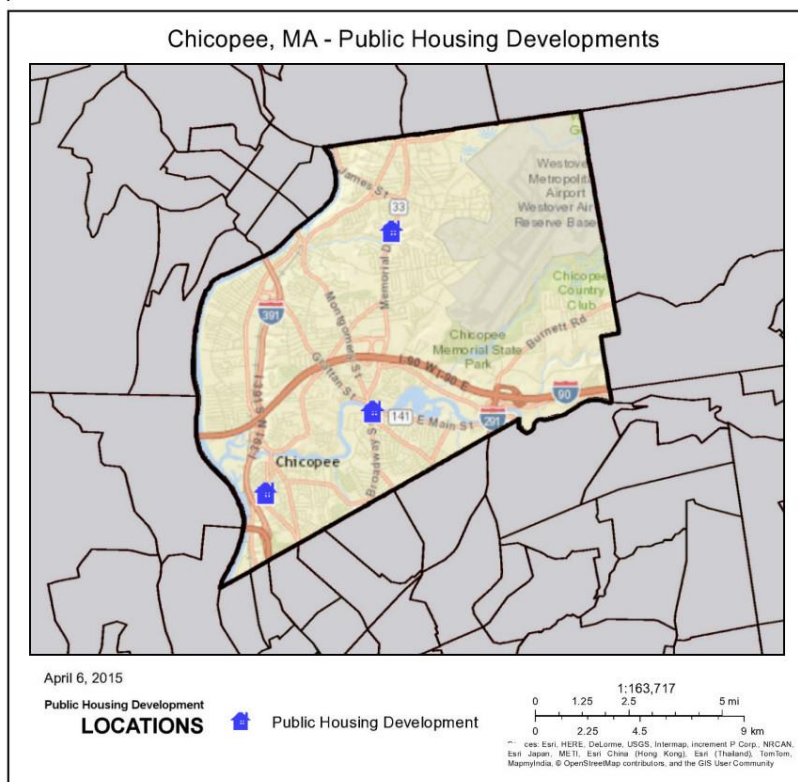
Owner Occupied Units By Year Built



Renter Occupied Units By Year Built

10.2 percent of the City's housing stock is deed-restricted as affordable housing and therefore identified on the State's Subsidized Housing Inventory. There is no risk of units being lost as the owners of expiring units are seeking to restructure and continue the project as affordable.

The City of Chicopee is served by the Chicopee Housing Authority (CHA). The Chicopee Housing Authority "is committed to the provision of decent, safe, sanitary housing in full compliance with all local, state and federal nondiscrimination laws, the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing Fair and Equal housing opportunity". The CHA operates 383 units of conventional federal housing at three sites in Chicopee.



The CHA operates state-aided public housing programs under Chapter 200 (Veterans' Housing), Chapter 667 (Elder Housing) and Chapter 705 (low income housing) of the Massachusetts General Laws. Nine (9) developments totaling 816 units are currently owned and managed in Chicopee.

An assessment of relevant community data along with input from the Consolidated Plan Consultations and Citizen Participation process resulted in the identification of Economic Development, Investments in Public Infrastructure and Parks, and Affordable Housing and as priority needs.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

Public facility needs include the expansion of recreational opportunities, removal of architectural barriers, upgrading of facilities to achieve compliance with current public safety and access standards, and the preservation and protection of the environment and historic resources.

The City utilizes various funding source to upgrade public facilities and actively seeks grant funds to leverage public funds.

How were these needs determined?

Public facility needs are regularly evaluated through a collaborative process that involves the ongoing evaluation overseen by Mayor's office, with input from relevant City Departments including Parks, Schools, and Public Safety. The evaluation considers the programmatic needs among low and moderate income citizens, neighborhoods, and initiatives designed to improve quality of life.

The City of Chicopee's ADA Plan, Open Space Plan, Downtown Master Plan and various other plans further define priority needs, identify necessary improvements to public facilities and address facility and programmatic accessibility, traffic, pedestrian accommodations, community facilities, parks/open spaces, housing and business development. These plans incorporate significant public input via meetings and consultations during their development. In addition, neighborhood meetings held by the Community Development Department during various stages of ongoing projects, engage residents throughout the program year.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

Streets and sidewalks are in need of upgrades including accessibility improvements. Water piping and related underground infrastructure is significantly aged and in need of replacements/upgrades. The City's focus amidst the extensive needs has been to coordinate public improvements with economic development and/or housing initiatives that promote increased neighborhood stabilization.

How were these needs determined?

Public improvements are determined through coordination with City departments, the ongoing assessment of the condition of roadways, water and sewer infrastructure and resident input. The City's Public Works and Engineering Departments perform key functions in the management of the City's roadways, sidewalks, and water and sewer systems and bring essential expertise to the planning process. Water and sewer plans, roadway and sidewalk plans, and redevelopment plans help evaluate needs for public improvements.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

Youth programming, Transportation and recreational opportunities for the elderly, physically and developmentally disabled, affordable child care, and access to food continue to be crucial needs within the Chicopee community.

How were these needs determined?

Chicopee's needs for public services are based upon Consultations with Public Service Providers, relevant data, and an ongoing evaluation of CDBG funded programs.

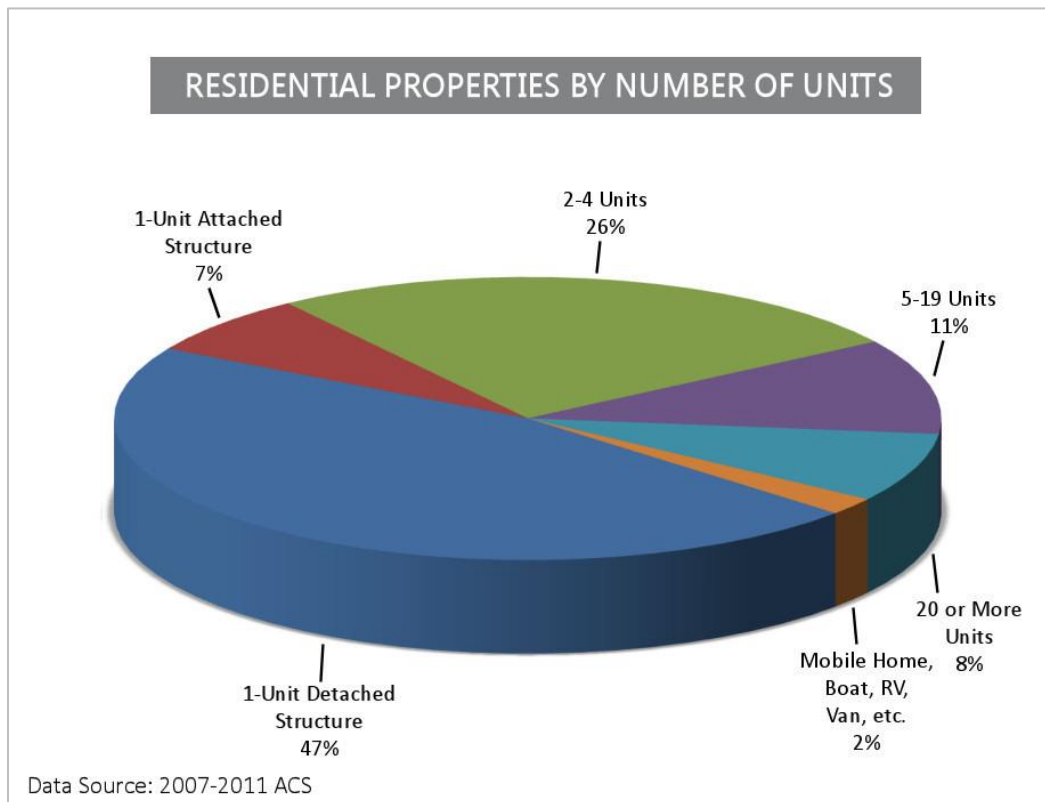
Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

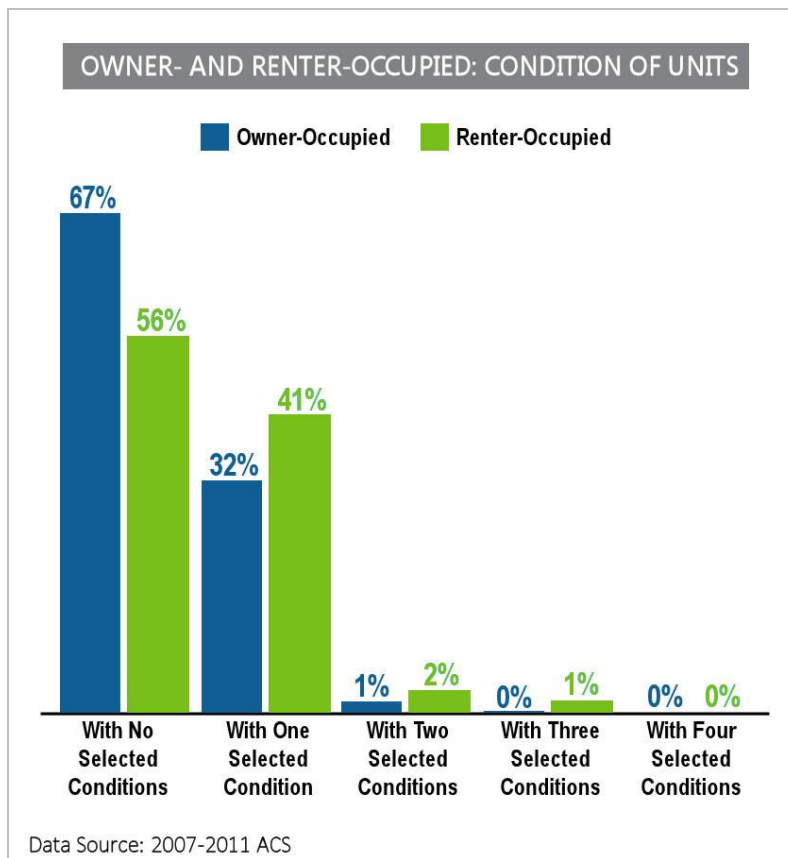
Consistent with HUD's objectives, the City of Chicopee has prioritized the expansion of economic opportunity, the availability of safe, decent, affordable housing, and creation of suitable living environments. An analysis of the existing market and community data supports the City's investment in the redevelopment of underutilized commercial/industrial properties and Brownfield sites, preserving and producing affordable housing, and improving the condition of existing housing stock, and public infrastructure, parks, and facilities.

Chicopee has 24,842 year-round housing units. While single family homes represent the majority of the stock, multi-family properties are more prevalent in the older, more urban, neighborhoods.

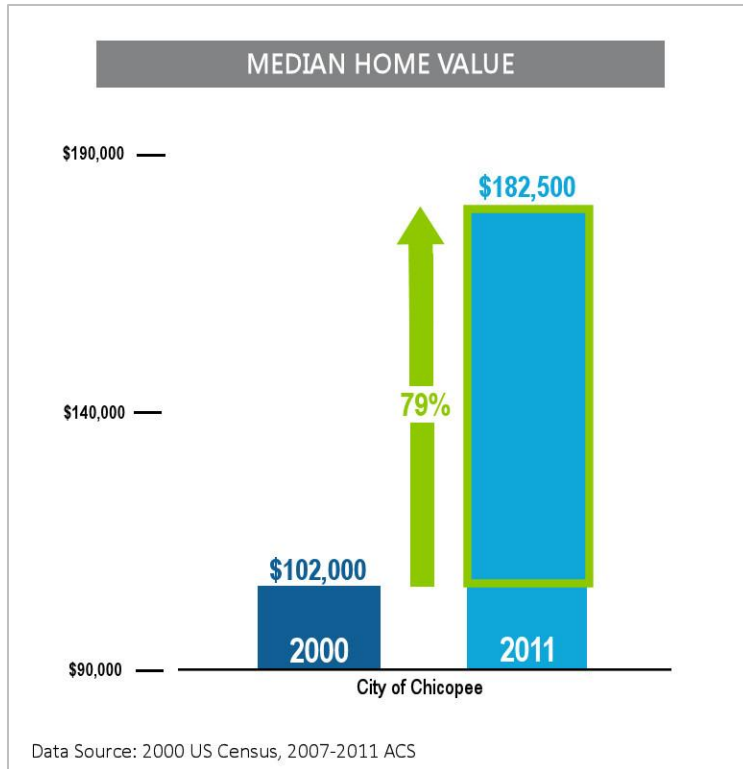


Not surprising given the number of single family homes, 54% of Chicopee's housing stock is owner-occupied. The majority of the owner-occupied stock, 8,943 units out of the 13,600 units, or 66%, are three or more bedroom units. The second largest segment of property type is 2-4 family stock. The average rental unit in Chicopee is a 2 bedroom unit. These units represent 43% of the rental stock.

A comparison of housing conditions shows a slight difference between owner-occupied and rental housing. 32% of the owner-occupied units have one of the four conditions versus 41% of rental units.

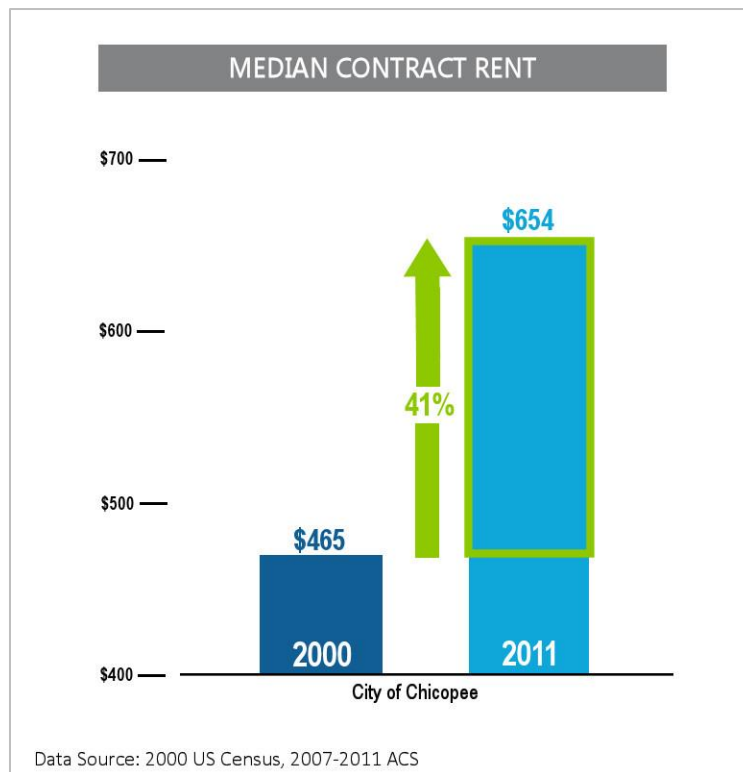


The housing market data clearly demonstrates the lack of sufficient safe, affordable housing stock. The lack of affordable housing is even more acute on the housing value/homeownership front. The median home value has increased by over 79% in the 2001-2011 period. At \$182,500 (ACS 2007-2011), the median value is now unaffordable to the majority of low and moderate income residents.



Median Home Value

An analysis of median contract rent shows a substantial increase in rents from 2007-2011. The median rent increased 41% during a period of national housing crisis.



Median Contract Rent

Recognizing the Market Analysis supports continued investment in improving the condition of stock and to increase the inventory of affordable units, the City of Chicopee will continue to provide funding for the acquisition and rehabilitation of distressed properties. The City will also continue to provide financial assistance to low and moderate income buyers which supports increased homeownership rates within CDBG eligible census tracts.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

Local economic growth has been identified as a priority need throughout the Consolidated Plan process. The City seeks an environment that is conducive to growing and attracting businesses. Over the past few years, the City has made significant progress on addressing issues of site control, site access, and securing resources to address large underutilized Brownfield sites. While these former industrial and commercial sites present significant challenges, they also present true economic development opportunities. CDBG funds are a critical resource that can support and leverage funds to completed additional environmental testing, remediation, and redevelopment.

The City, along with all HOME Consortium Communities, is served by the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County (REBHC). The REBHC is a public-private partnership whose mission is to enable area residents to gain the skills to maximize their economic sufficiency and provide employers with the workforce they need to effectively compete in the changing world economy. The REBHC charters two career centers, Career Point and FutureWorks. Initiatives of the REBHC are supported by local programs that aim to bolster English language skills, family stability, education, and employment readiness.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	9	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	221	0	9	0	-9
Construction	121	0	5	0	-5
Education and Health Care Services	360	0	15	0	-15
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	308	0	12	0	-12
Information	50	0	2	0	-2
Manufacturing	437	0	18	0	-18
Other Services	70	0	3	0	-3
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	199	0	8	0	-8
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	337	0	14	0	-14
Transportation and Warehousing	159	0	6	0	-6
Wholesale Trade	204	0	8	0	-8
Total	2,475	0	--	--	--

Table 4 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	28,198
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	25,305
Unemployment Rate	10.26
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	34.60
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	6.00

Table 5 - Labor Force

Data 2007-2011 ACS
Source:

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	4,401
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,403
Service	3,052
Sales and office	6,819
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	1,712
Production, transportation and material moving	2,246

Table 6 - Occupations by Sector

Data 2007-2011 ACS
Source:

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	18,771	77%
30-59 Minutes	4,680	19%
60 or More Minutes	1,024	4%
Total	24,475	100%

Table 7 - Travel Time

Data 2007-2011 ACS
Source:

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	1,893	366	1,804

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	7,347	746	2,289
Some college or Associate's degree	7,159	458	1,596
Bachelor's degree or higher	4,527	183	636

Table 8 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data 2007-2011 ACS
Source:

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	162	126	332	495	1,165
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	863	805	751	1,554	1,949
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,824	2,029	2,572	5,801	3,433
Some college, no degree	1,730	1,841	1,257	2,719	1,215
Associate's degree	319	965	692	1,930	356
Bachelor's degree	310	1,249	852	1,672	457
Graduate or professional degree	58	367	363	843	345

Table 9 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data 2007-2011 ACS
Source:

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	25,080
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	30,788
Some college or Associate's degree	33,925
Bachelor's degree	46,212
Graduate or professional degree	53,630

Table 10 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data 2007-2011 ACS
Source:

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

While the ACS data is not sufficient to fully analyze jobs by business sector, the highest percentages of jobs exist within the following sectors: Manufacturing, Education and Health Care Services, and the Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate industries. The major occupations by sector are Sales and Office followed by Management (business and financial).

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

The REBHC has identified the following major challenges to workforce development: inadequate educational attainment, low labor force participation, and high rates of poverty. Hampden County has the highest share of individuals with a high school diploma or less, yet statewide projections show that 60% of all new growth jobs will require an Associate's degree or more.

The City of Chicopee will continue to support the infrastructure needs through improvements in transportation and public infrastructure and the preparation/redevelopment of Brownfield sites to support business growth.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

One new major development is the new casino being developed in Springfield. The casino will be located in downtown Springfield and has started construction. The project is proposed to result in thousands of total construction-related jobs and permanent jobs when fully operational. The development of the casino is likely to require significant employment training support and infrastructure improvements. With proper job readiness and job training, currently unemployed workers may be able to take advantage of construction and other casino-related jobs.

The City of Chicopee as home to Westover Reserve Base continues to be actively involved in ensuring the Base's role in the nation's defense. The Base's economic impact is of critical importance to the City. Identification of opportunities to support the Base's mission is a high priority.

The City is actively seeking the location of businesses into existing Technology Parks as well as under-utilized commercial and industrial sites including Brownfields. The redevelopment of these sites will require environmental testing, remediation, and infrastructure improvements.

Small business development provides growth opportunities. Working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown business community, the City has initiated ChiFi, a free wifi service in downtown. Continued efforts to attract "feet on the street" is seen as a way to expand the number and size of Downtown.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

REBHC has identified the lack of educational attainment and English language skills as challenges facing the current workforce. The expansion of English language programming, career training and Associate's Degree programs are essential to address these challenges. Additionally, there is a need to link technology training with all basic adult education programs to better position un- and under-employed persons to career options.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

REBHC has a number of ongoing workforce training initiatives including:

- Training Workforce Options (TWO) - Financial and Business Services Workforce Collaborative – a partnership of MassMutual, Holyoke Community College, Springfield Technical Community College, Putnam Vocational Academy, call centers representing finance, insurance, healthcare, hospitality, the banking industry and economic development agencies. The goal is to develop workforce capacity in back-office services to this industry, which is projected to grow 20% by 2020.
- Health Care Partnership - Baystate Medical, Mercy Medical and Health Care providers creating pathways to employment; training in healthcare and nursing seeks to create cultural competencies and the understanding of health care standards.
- The Emerging Workforce Initiative which serves in-school and out-of-school, particularly Pre-K and at-risk youth aged 14-21, who are or will be the newest entrants into the workplace, and who need education, career guidance, job readiness skills, and support services.
- The REB is a collaborative partner within the Mass Casino Career Training Institute (MCCTI). Founded within Massachusetts Casino legislation, the MCCTI will provide training and placement services within the proposed Springfield MGM Casino. Anticipated skills include casino operations, customer service, culinary arts, and hotel operations.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes.

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

The City continues to fund youth programming which serves the same population as the Emerging Workforce Initiative. The City has collaborated with Elms College to expand its Science laboratories to enable expansion of Health Care programming.

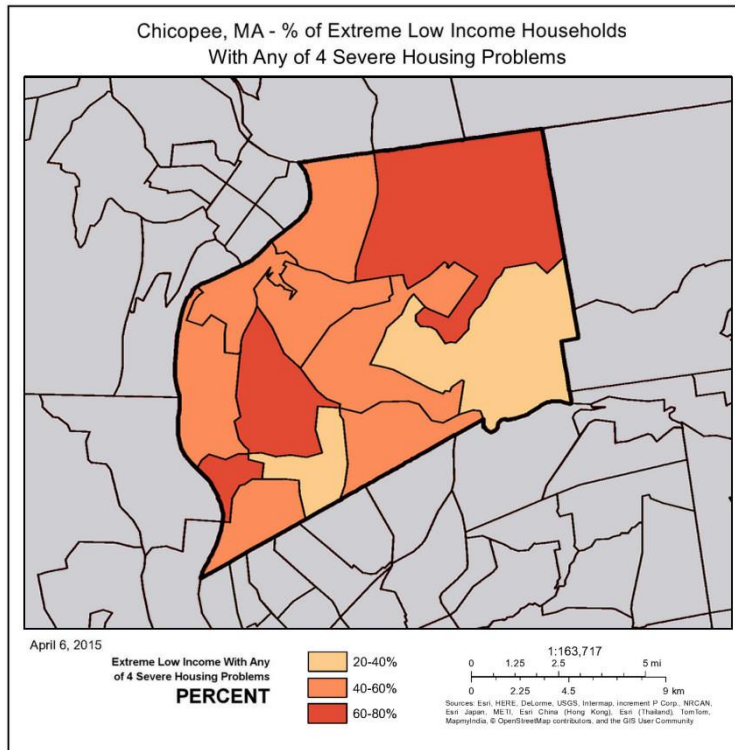
The Consolidated Plan dedicates resources to test and remediate environmental conditions, making the redevelopment of Brownfields sites more likely. The Plan additionally provides funding for infrastructure improvement that will support the reuse of these sites as well as improve commercial/retail corridors.

Discussion

In light of the existing data and the opportunities presented by underutilized Industrial and Commercial sites, the City has prioritized the remediation of Brownfield sites and infrastructure improvements that support redevelopment. The City's efforts are designed to maximize economic opportunities.

The City of Chicopee will continue to be an active member of the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County and its efforts. As importantly, the City is focused on ensuring Westover Air Reserve Base is positioned for continued operations. The Base as a major employer is critical to the City's economic stability.

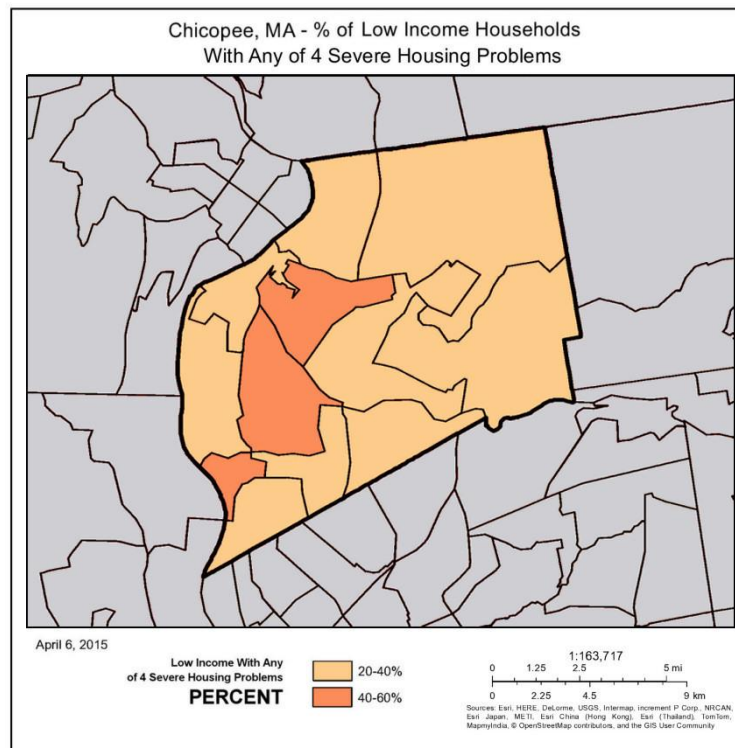
Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

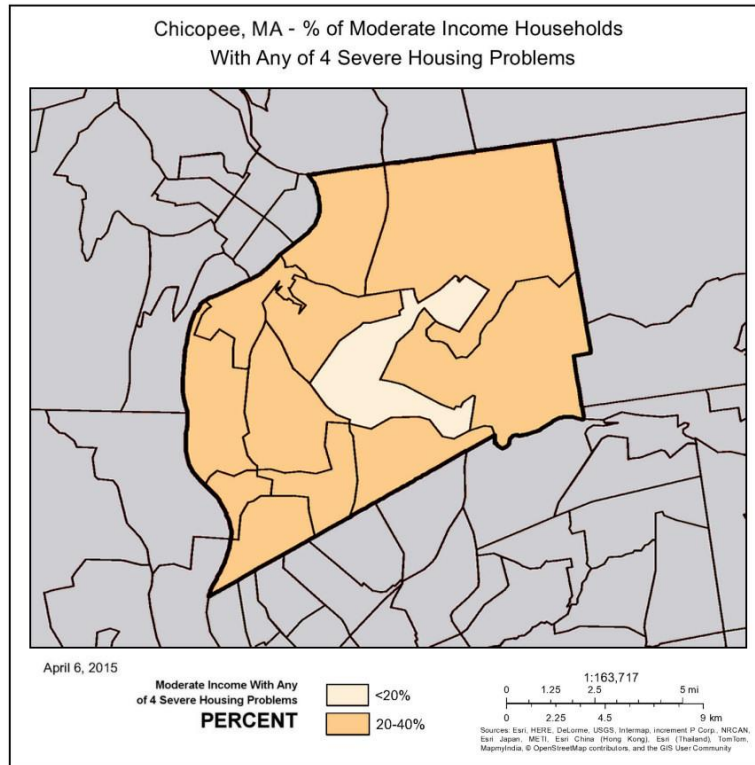


The areas of multiple housing problems are concentrated within the older urban neighborhoods of Chicopee Center, Chicopee Falls, and portions of Willimansett. The City defines concentrations as the occurrence of housing problems more than 20% greater than the community at large.

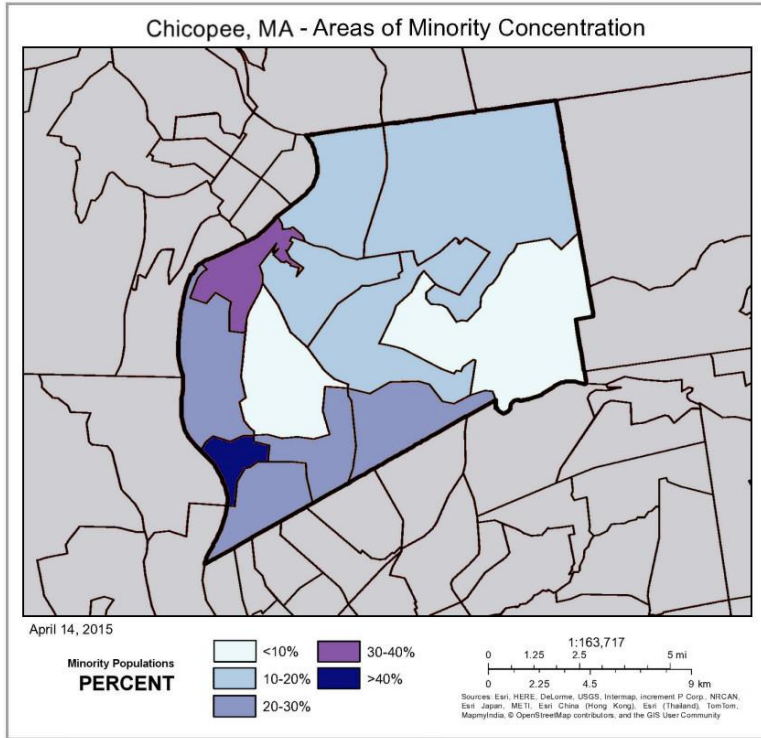
The first three maps identify areas of multiple housing problems by income classifications -- Extremely Low Income, Low Income, and Moderate Income.

There is a concentration of housing programs for Extremely Low Income households in the three target neighborhoods; the concentration for Low Income households occurs only in smaller neighborhood subsections of Chicopee Center and Chicopee Falls. Moderate Income households with multiple housing conditions are not concentrated anywhere in the City.

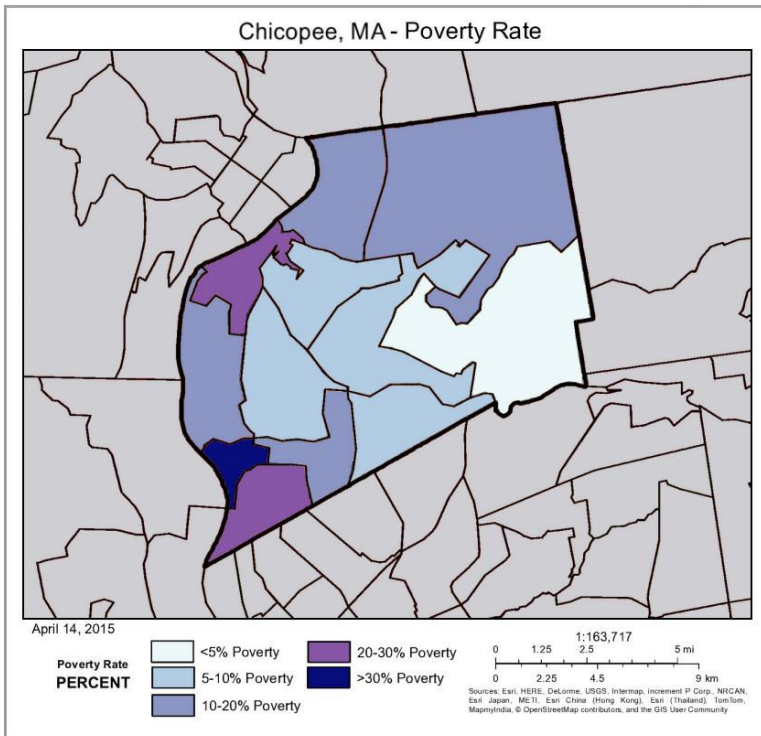




Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")



The City has only one area -- the West End -- with a high concentration of minority households. A portion of the Willimansett neighborhood has a less significant concentration. The areas of poverty concentration are nearly mirror images of the areas of minority concentrations.



What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

These neighborhoods have the oldest, highest density housing stock. Traditionally, these areas are very low incomes, predominantly non-owner occupied units, high rent burdens, and high rates of crowding. Low incomes and high rent burdens make it difficult for renters in these market areas to improve their housing conditions

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Each of these areas has a variety of community assets. The neighborhoods have neighborhood-based schools with play areas, public parks and community-based public facilities.

The City conducted neighborhood meetings in each of the three target neighborhoods. Community Assets were identified as:

- The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, which offers licensed childcare before and after school, as well as a drop-in youth program, at both its Main Club and Teen Center located on Meadow Street.
- Old Field Road and Whittier Road)
- Medina Street Boat Ramp and open space
- Valley Opportunity Council- Services, the City's anti-poverty agency operates programs in all three CDBG target neighborhoods. Programs include: Adult Basic Education -- free GED and ESOL classes, Nutrition, College and Financial Aid Access, Senior Services, Early Education & Child Care, Transportation, Energy Assistance, Youth Services, Family Life Services (Shelter & Case Management), Housing Service, Income Management, Volunteer opportunities and more.
- Holyoke Catholic High School
- Elms College
- Newly constructed Senior Center
- Chicopee River
- Connecticut River

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of those areas?

The City's Open Space Plan identifies further recreational, public park, and open space opportunities in each of these neighborhoods.

- Access for boats, as there is only one now and nothing for Chicopee River
- Access with the CT Riverwalk project & ramp improvements

- Active recreation areas -- basketball courts, tennis, ball fields, etc. -- and better maintenance of existing facilities

Strategic Plan

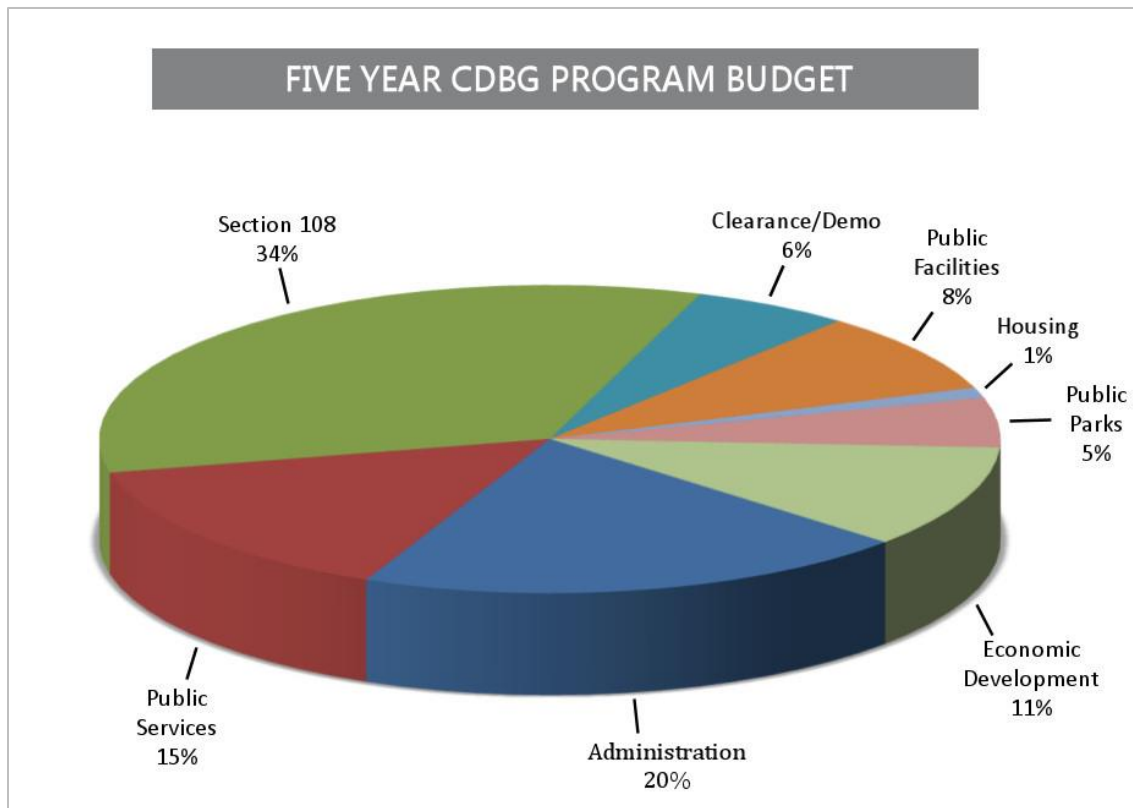
SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The four Consolidated Plan goals represent those needs identified as high priorities during the extensive Consolidated Plan Consultation and Citizen Participation process. These four goals are the basis for the strategic investments in projects and programs that the City will make to address these needs during the five year Consolidated Plan period. The goals are as follows:

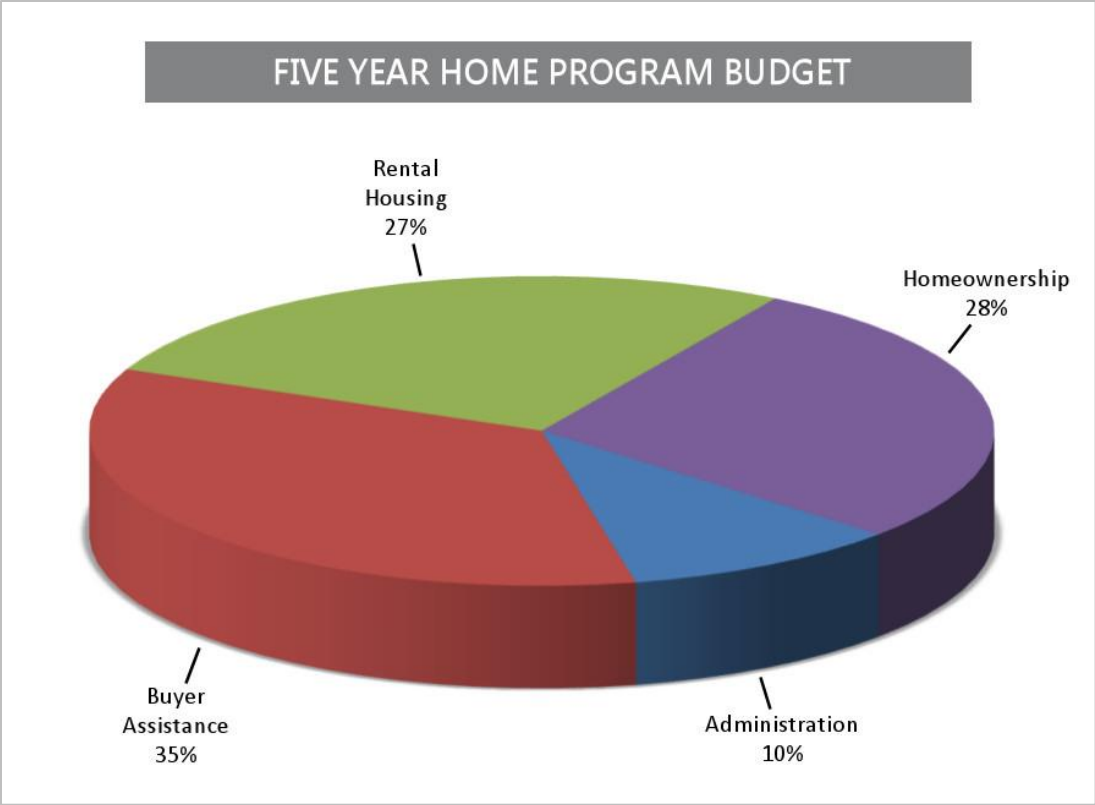
- **Economic Development** Expand the business base through redevelopment or investment in commercial properties and creation of local employment opportunities for residents.
- **Affordable Housing** Increase the availability of affordable housing -- both rental and homeownership -- and improve the condition of the City's aged housing stock.
- **Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks** Invest in public facilities and infrastructure; improve parks, streets, sidewalks and water/sewer infrastructure; increase access and utilization for all residents.
- **Public Services** Provide essential services that improve the quality of life and opportunities to low and moderate income persons, especially youth, elders, and special needs persons.

To achieve these goals, the City proposes to invest its CDBG Program funds in accordance with the following chart:



Five Year CDBG Program Budget

The ultimate expenditure of funds during the Consolidated Plan may differ for reasons such as a function of market changes, investment opportunities, and availability of CDBG funds and other resources. The goals of the plan will only be amended through a HUD-approved Substantial Amendment process.



SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is intended to predominantly serve the needs of areas and individuals that are low and moderate income as defined by HUD. The CDBG Eligibility map and corresponding chart of eligible Census tracts/block groups identify those Chicopee areas eligible for CDBG Low Mod Area Investments.

While Chicopee is able to invest CDBG funds on priority projects within those areas, HUD encourages Entitlement Communities like Chicopee to evaluate the benefits of geographic targeting to maximize community outcomes. Geographic targeting is viewed as an effective strategy for neighborhood stabilization. Coordinated investments in public infrastructure, public parks, economic development, and housing within a concentrated geographic area are most likely to yield meaningful improvements in those target areas.

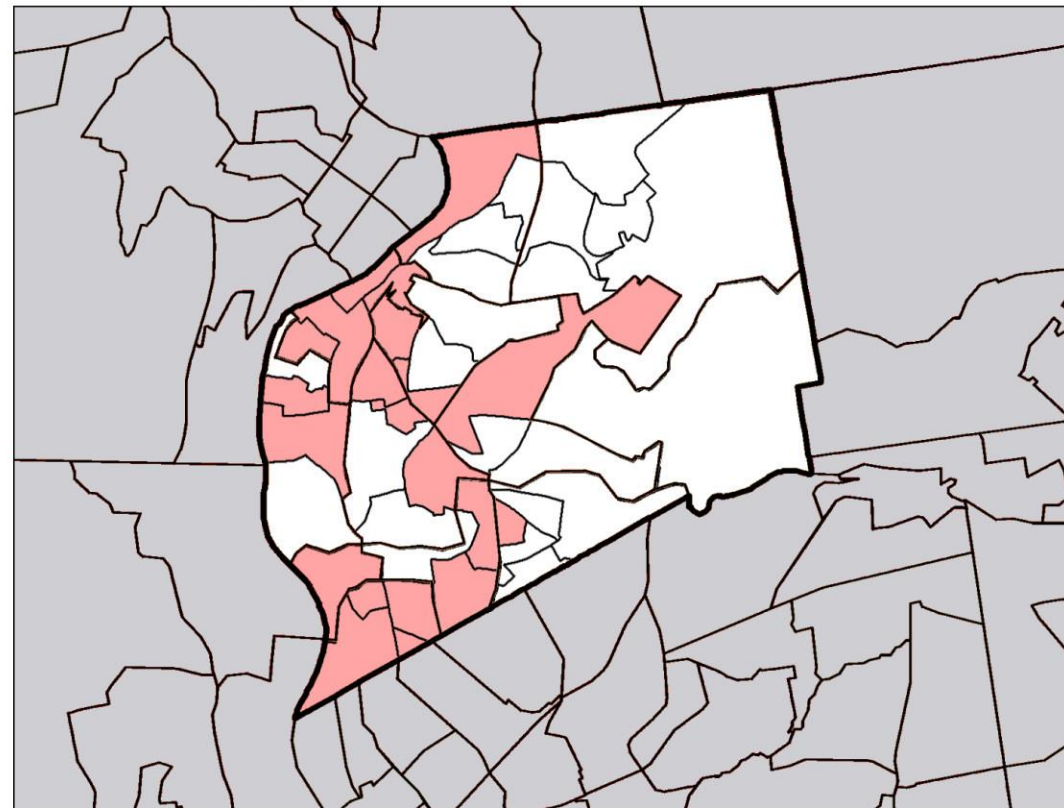
During the course of this Consolidated Plan period, the City of Chicopee will continue to evaluate the opportunities and benefits of geographic targeting. Consistent with recognized Best Practices, Chicopee will consider the following, prior to implementation of geographic targeting:

1. Utilization of relevant data that supports concentrated investment;
2. Identification of 'Shovel Ready' Investment Opportunities;
3. Evaluation of opportunities to leverage funds or enhance outcomes of Neighborhood Improvement efforts; and,
4. Solicitation of public input.

The HOME Investment Partnership program (HOME) is required to serve only low and moderate income households but is not required to be geographically targeted. As a member of the Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield HOME Consortium, the City of Chicopee has access to HOME funds to support Affordable Housing Development projects as well as direct assistance to homebuyers. HOME funds will be expended citywide.

Name	Tract	Block Group	LM	LM Universe	Low Mod %
Chicopee	810902	4	1,125	1,290	87.21%
Chicopee	810901	1	1,595	1,915	83.29%
Chicopee	811101	1	1,140	1,415	80.57%
Chicopee	811102	2	1,665	2,360	70.55%
Chicopee	811101	3	820	1,180	69.49%
Chicopee	810800	2	950	1,410	67.38%
Chicopee	811101	2	965	1,475	65.42%
Chicopee	811000	4	655	1,050	62.38%
Chicopee	811000	1	500	815	61.35%
Chicopee	811101	4	335	550	60.91%
Chicopee	811102	1	630	1,035	60.87%
Chicopee	811200	3	620	1,050	59.05%
Chicopee	810902	2	420	730	57.53%
Chicopee	811000	2	595	1,040	57.21%
Chicopee	810800	3	475	845	56.21%
Chicopee	811200	4	730	1,305	55.94%
Chicopee	810902	1	655	1,175	55.74%
Chicopee	810601	2	1,195	2,240	53.35%
Chicopee	810700	3	765	1,470	52.04%
Chicopee	810902	3	595	1,150	51.74%
Chicopee	811301	3	1,005	1,965	51.15%
Chicopee	811301	4	735	1,455	50.52%
Chicopee	811102	4	535	1,065	50.23%
Chicopee	810700	5	585	1,185	49.37%
Chicopee	811302	3	410	850	48.24%
Chicopee	810800	1	645	1,385	46.57%
Chicopee	811000	5	405	905	44.75%
Chicopee	811302	5	870	1,950	44.62%
Chicopee	810700	1	700	1,615	43.34%
Chicopee	811302	2	485	1,120	43.30%
Chicopee	811102	3	525	1,240	42.34%
Chicopee	810601	1	315	815	38.65%
Chicopee	811200	2	440	1,160	37.93%
Chicopee	811301	1	420	1,130	37.17%
Chicopee	811200	1	450	1,275	35.29%
Chicopee	811000	3	290	830	34.94%
Chicopee	810601	3	330	960	34.38%
Chicopee	811302	4	530	1,570	33.76%
Chicopee	810700	2	310	925	33.51%
Chicopee	810700	4	330	1,035	31.88%
Chicopee	810602	1	670	2,540	26.38%
Chicopee	811301	2	195	1,125	17.33%
Chicopee	811302	1	-	-	0.00%

Chicopee, MA - CDBG Low Mod Census Block Groups



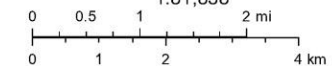
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CDBG Eligible Census Block Group

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CDBG Entitlement Areas

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SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 11 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	City-wide
	Associated Goals	Economic Development
	Description	Redevelopment or investment in commercial/industrial sites; clearance of Brownfields; and support for small businesses.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Redevelopment or investment in commercial sites is viewed as the key to expanding the tax base and employment opportunities for residents.
2	Priority Need Name	Affordable Housing
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Individuals Victims of Domestic Violence Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide
	Associated Goals	Affordable Housing Development Housing Rehabilitation
	Description	Chicopee's housing market remains relatively stable but with relatively high percentage of three-family stock within the CDBG eligible areas. This older stock is less attractive to today's homebuyers. Additionally, 32% of owner-occupied housing and 50% of rental housing stock was constructed prior to 1950. Rehabilitation of the existing aged housing stock is essential to the health and safety of Chicopee residents.
	Basis for Relative Priority	After broad community and stakeholder participation in the Consolidated Planning process, the City identified Housing Investments as a high priority.
3	Priority Need Name	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Public Housing Residents Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Low Moderate Income Census Tracts
	Associated Goals	Public Facilities Public Parks and Open Spaces Public Infrastructure
	Description	The City of Chicopee is committed to the preservation of its public facilities, open spaces and parks, as well as the need to protect and improve its natural resources. The City has updated its Open Space and Recreation plan, which details need, goals, and objectives related to public parks and open spaces. The City's Park and Recreation Commission has developed a long-term capital plan and is studying the improvements needed to achieve current ADA standards. The public infrastructure is aged and need of repair or replacement.
	Basis for Relative Priority	After broad community and stakeholder participation in the Consolidated Planning process and the City's Open Space Planning efforts, the City identified investments in public facilities, public infrastructure, public parks and open spaces, and the city's natural resources as high priorities.
	4 Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	High

Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Mentally Ill Veterans Victims of Domestic Violence Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities
Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide
Associated Goals	Public Services
Description	A range of essential services to provide support and opportunities to low income households
Basis for Relative Priority	After broad community and stakeholder participation in the Consolidated Planning process and the City's Master Planning efforts, the City identified Public Services as a high priority. Data within the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis, while regional, served as an additional basis for the designation as a high priority need.

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City anticipates receipt of CDBG funds in the amount of approximately \$1,000,000 annually. To maximize the impact of the CDBG Entitlement funds, the City expends significant general government funds and encourages all partners and projects to strategically leverage additional funds.

As a member of the Holyoke- Chicopee- Westfield , the City has available HOME Investment Partnership Funds to support direct assistance to moderate income homebuyers and to subsidize the development cost of affordable housing projects.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improve-ments Public Services	1,045,212	15,000		1,060,212	4,240,848	Available funds will include Entitlement funds along with Program Income generated by prior year loan payments.

Table 12 - Anticipated Resources

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of Chicopee anticipates CDBG funds will leverage additional resources. Non-Entitlement funds that will be used to further the goals of the Strategic Plan may include: private foundations, organizations, and individuals. The following leveraged resources are anticipated during the Consolidated Plan:

City General Funds: The projected City budget commits resources for the priority activities including Public Parks, Facilities, and Infrastructure, Housing, and Economic Development.

Affordable Housing Resources: Affordable Housing Developments are likely to utilize a variety of State Housing Resources including Housing Bond funds, the Mass Rental Voucher program, funds for historic preservation, and private mortgage financing.

EPA Funding: Funding from the EPA to test and remediate environmental conditions at industrial and commercial sites.

Philanthropy: Private funding from national, state, and local funders including the United Way, private foundations, Chicopee Savings Bank Foundation and private donors.

New Market Tax Credits: NMTCs were created in 2000 as part of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act to encourage revitalization efforts. The NMTC program provides tax credit incentives for equity investment.

Section 8 and MRVP Funds: Section 8 is administered by the Chicopee Housing Authority and provides rental subsidies to approximately 400 Chicopee households.

The HOME program matching requirements are met through State Housing Bond funds and the Mass Rental Voucher program. Matching funds requirements are monitored by the City of Holyoke as the Consortium Lead Agency.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the state that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City intends to utilize City-owned commercial and industrial sites as well as a former school in the furtherance of the plan. The commercial properties will be tested, remediated, and redeveloped as mixed-use sites; the former school is slated to be redeveloped into supportive veterans housing.

Discussion

The priorities identified within the Strategic Plan are the outcome of an extensive, comprehensive effort to identify community needs. The Strategic Plan assesses the available resources available to meet those needs. The City of Chicopee's investments will leverage public and private funds to address the economic development, affordable housing, community development, and special needs populations' needs.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Community Development	Grantee	Grantee	Jurisdiction
CHICOPEE HOUSING AUTHORITY	PHA	Public Housing Public Services	Jurisdiction
Valley Opportunity Council	CHDO and Community Action Agency	Housing Development Anti-poverty programs	Jurisdiction

Table 13 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assessment of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The Institutional structure within the City of Chicopee has been developed over years of successful operation. Chicopee is truly a full-service community. Chicopee has departments including the Board of Health, the Council on Aging, and Veterans Services. In addition to the essential services provided by the these programs, the Chicopee Housing Authority, and the private, non-profit Chicopee Neighborhood Development Corporation play key roles in the development and provision of affordable housing.

Through clearly defined roles and responsibilities within a collaborative working environment, the City of Chicopee has a delivery system capable of undertaking projects, programs, and services to meet the priority needs of low and moderate income residents.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X		
Utilities Assistance			
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement			
Mobile Clinics			

Street Outreach Services			
Other Street Outreach Services			
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse			
Child Care	X		
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X		
Healthcare	X		
HIV/AIDS			
Life Skills	X		
Mental Health Counseling	X		
Transportation	X		
Other			

Table 14 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

The City of Chicopee is not a direct recipient of public or private resource with which to address homelessness or to prevent homelessness. Chicopee is an active member of the Western Mass Continuum of Care (CoC), which is administered by the City of Springfield. Chicopee supports the goals of the CoC and the efforts of regional non-profits and service providers to provide coordinated access and services. Chicopee is able to utilize the CoC partnership to direct homeless residents to appropriate services.

The City does provide funding services to veterans through the City's Veterans Services program. The Office is supported by Chicopee General Government funds as well as State resources.

The City of Chicopee is not a direct recipient of public or private resources with which to address the needs of HIV families. Despite the lack of direct funding to support these vulnerable households, mainstream services are provided through a network of regional providers. Services are available to homeless, at-risk households, veterans, and persons with HIV.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The City of Chicopee is an active member of the Western Mass Continuum of Care (CoC), which coordinates an effective service delivery system for persons experiencing homelessness. The CoC has identified the insufficient supply of permanent affordable housing as a gap, and the removal of barriers to workforce participation as a strategy to end homelessness. The City of Chicopee funds

affordable housing efforts as well as a number of education and employment skills programs, consistent with the CoC's priorities.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

The City of Chicopee is not a direct recipient of public funds dedicated to homeless or any particular special needs population, but has consistently funded public service programs for vulnerable populations and special needs persons. Through its funding decisions, the City selects programs that seek to stabilize at-risk populations by funding affordable housing, scholarships and food support, jobs and tutoring for youth.

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Economic Development	CDBG: \$570,860	Commercial redevelopment/ business building rehabilitation: 2 businesses Businesses assisted: 3 Businesses Assisted
2	Affordable Housing Development	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$60,000 HOME: \$300,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 45 Households Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted
3	Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks	CDBG: \$450,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
4	Public Parks and Open Spaces	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks	CDBG: \$275,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Public Infrastructure	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks	CDBG: \$625,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
6	Public Services	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Public Services	CDBG: \$785,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 9800 Persons Assisted
7	Clearance/ Demolition	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facilities, Economic Development, Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$300,000	Clearance of 2 sites
8	Section 108	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, Parks	CDBG: \$1,800,000	Payment of the Section 108 loan for senior center
9	Planning and Administration	2015	2019			CDBG: \$209,000	

Table 15 – Goals Summary

SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Hazards created by lead-based paint are addressed through enforcement of the Lead Paint Notification Laws, the promotion of the MassHousing “Get The Lead Out” Program, which provides Lead Remediation financing to eligible property owners, and the integration of lead remediation in the housing rehabilitation programs and affordable housing development programs.

Public Awareness and Education is the keystone of an effective public health policy. The Commonwealth’s Childhood Lead Paint Prevention Program (CLPPP) provides a wealth of information on the hazards, safe treatment, and legal responsibilities related to Lead-based Paint Hazards. The CLPPP additionally tracks childhood blood testing rates and incidence of poisoning. The commitment to raise public awareness led to the passage of Massachusetts’ Lead Law that requires property owners to remove or cover all lead paint hazards in homes built before 1978 if a child under six (6) resides in the home.

In addition, a Rental Property Owner must provide these notifications and forms prior to execution of the rental agreement:

- Provide a copy of lead inspections reports
- Provide a copy of the letter of compliance
- Any information about lead in the home

A Seller of home built prior to 1978 must provide the Buyer the following:

- Property Transfer Notification
- A signed Property Transfer Lead Certification
- Any information about lead in the home
- A copy of any lead inspection report, Letter of Compliance, or Letter of Interim Control
- A 10 day period to have the home inspected for lead at the Buyer’s expense

The Commonwealth operates the “Get the Lead Out” program through certified Local Rehabilitation Agencies and private lenders. The program provides secondary financing at desirable rates to remediate/remove lead hazards from residential units. The funds, while limited, are available throughout the Commonwealth. Additionally, the City of Chicopee and the North Suburban HOME Consortium provide rehabilitation financing to eligible households.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

Chicopee and the Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield HOME Consortium have fully integrated Lead Hazard education and remediation into housing policies and programs. The City of Chicopee and the Consortium require compliance with Mass Lead Notification Laws to be documented within all project files. Affordable rental projects are required to be free of lead-based paint hazards prior to

occupancy; first time homebuyers are required to sign the Commonwealth's Transfer of Property Notification in the case of purchasing of existing properties; and, any new construction or substantial rehabilitation will be fully lead compliant.

Additionally, CDBG and HOME Programs' Policies and Procedures require the following:

1. The Property Owner is required to provide the required notice to all occupants
2. The home to be inspected by a trained professional
3. Assessment if the project is low, moderate, or high-risk of requiring de-leading
4. Work is to be performed by appropriate party
5. The monitoring de-leading to ensure compliance with federal and state laws
6. The obtaining of project clearance

The City of Chicopee has prioritized the creation of lead-safe housing.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The City of Chicopee has three over-arching poverty reducing goals: economic growth, creation of middle income jobs, and self-sufficiency programs and support for households living in poverty. In the long term, this focus on economic development and creation of middle income jobs will mean that Chicopee residents will be better able to afford housing in Chicopee. In the short term, support and self-sufficiency programs reduce the likelihood of housing instability, especially of elders and disabled populations.

Performance measures for each Anti-poverty goal are as follows:

Economic Growth

- Increase General Fund non-residential tax revenue
- Increase business activity within Central Business District and Neighborhood Commercial Corridors

Creation of Middle Income Jobs

- Decrease the unemployment rate
- Increase the median Chicopee income
- Reduce the number of persons living in poverty

Support and Self-Sufficiency Programs

- Increase Chicopee resident participation in Workforce Development programs
- Decrease the housing cost burden for Elders and Disabled persons

Additionally, an evaluation of trends in the for-sale housing prices, even in a time period that includes the foreclosure crisis and economic recession, concludes that helping Chicopee residents become first time homeowners can be a way of building the wealth of low and moderate income families, although Chicopee recognizes that homeownership is not the best option for every household.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan?

The City's anti-poverty strategy is coordinated with this Consolidated Plan as follows:

Economic Development Growth Initiatives

- **Business Development** - The Plan prioritizes the need for economic development and improvements to commercial properties and Business Districts, and funds ADA improvements in Year 1.

- **Provision of Training to Small Businesses** - The Consolidated Plan identifies support for small business development as a priority.

Creation of Middle Income Jobs

- **Provision of job readiness and job training programs** - The Consolidated Plan prioritizes job readiness and training programs and identifies collaboration with Workforce Development programs as an Institutional Delivery System goal.

Self-Sufficiency Programs

- **Public Services** - The Consolidated Plan prioritizes afterschool programs and Senior Services. The City has proposed funding for both programs in Year 1 of the Plan.

SP-8o Monitoring - 91.23o

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

All CDBG-funded projects and programs are monitored by the Community Development Department for compliance with all applicable regulations and contract provisions. The Department approaches monitoring as an ongoing process from award through project completion. Section 3 and Equal Opportunity Contracting is included within the Department's monitoring functions.

The Department performs the following monitoring functions:

1. Inclusion of program requirements within funding agreements;
2. Review of reimbursement requests through desk audits, and if appropriate, field observations;
3. Review of grant recipient's program reports for eligibility of beneficiaries and of activities; and,
4. Provision of technical assistance upon request or as determined by desk reviews.

The monitoring process is regularly evaluated to ensure effectiveness and improve efficiencies.

HOME program requirements are monitored by the City of Holyoke as the administrator of the HOME Investment Partnership Program.

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City anticipates receipt of CDBG funds in the amount of approximately \$1,050,000 annually. To maximize the impact of the CDBG Entitlement funds, the City expends significant general government funds and encourages all partners and projects to strategically leverage additional funds.

As a member of the Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield Consortium, the City of Chicopee receives a proportional share of HOME Investment Partnership Funds to support direct assistance to moderate income homebuyers and to subsidize the development cost of affordable housing projects. The City anticipates receipt of \$210,000 in HOME funds.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,045,212	15,000	0	1,060,212	4,240,800	Funds to invest in eligible projects including economic development, clearance and demo, public infrastructure, parks, and open spaces.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation:	Program Income:	Prior Year Resources:	Total:		
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
HOME	Public-federal	Affordable Houings	211,400	10,000	0	224,000	845,600	Fund to provide homebuyer assistance and to develop affordable housing both homeowner-ship and rental.

Table 16 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of Chicopee anticipates CDBG funds will leverage additional resources. Non-Entitlement funds that will be used to further the goals of the Strategic Plan may include: private foundations, organizations, and individuals. The following leveraged resources are anticipated during the Consolidated Plan:

City General Funds: The annual City budget commits resources for the priority activities including Public Parks, Facilities, and Infrastructure.

Affordable Housing Resources: Affordable Housing Developments are likely to utilize a variety of State Housing Resources including Housing Bond funds, the Mass Rental Voucher program, and private mortgage financing.

Philanthropy: Private funding from national, state, and local funders including the United Way and private foundations, and private donors.

New Market Tax Credits: NMTCs were created in 2000 as part of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act to encourage revitalization efforts. The NMTC program provides tax credit incentives for equity investment.

Section 8 and MRVP funds: Section 8 is administered by the Chicopee Housing Authority and provides rental subsidies.

Continuum of Care fund: Project funds awarded to non-profit human service providers to assist in housing and services to homeless persons.

The HOME program matching requirements are met through State Housing Bond funds and the Mass Rental Voucher program. Matching funds requirements are monitored by the City of Holyoke as the HOME Consortium's Lead Agency.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

City parks and public facilities will continue to be operated to provide recreation and services to low and moderate income persons.

Additionally, the City will seek to redevelop City-owned Commercial and Industrial Brownfield sites as well as a former school into supportive Veterans' Housing.

Discussion

The priorities identified within the Strategic Plan are the outcome of an extensive, comprehensive effort to identify community needs.

The Strategic Plan assesses the resources available to meet those needs. The City of Chicopee's investments will leverage public and private funds to address the economic development, affordable housing, community development, and special needs populations' needs.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Brown-fields	2015	2016	Non-housing community development	CDBG eligible areas	Public Infrastructure, Parks, and Facilities	CDBG: \$110,000	Acres Remediated: 2
2	Economic Development	2015	2016	Economic Development		Economic Development	CDBG: \$20,000	2 businesses
3	Housing	2015	2016	Affordable Housing	City-wide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$10,000 HOME: \$129,044	Rental units rehabilitated: 5; Homeownership unit rehabilitated: 1
4	HOME Buyer Assistance	2015	2016	Affordable Housing	CDBG Eligible Areas	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$70,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 15 Households Assisted
5	Public Facilities Infrastructure	2015	2016	Non-housing community development	CDBG eligible areas	Public Infrastructure, Parks, and Facilities	CDBG: \$100,000	Public facility or infrastructure activity other than Low/Moderate income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Public Park and Open Space Improvements	2015	2016	Non-Housing Community Development	Low Moderate Areas	Public Infrastructure, Parks, and Facilities	CDBG: \$96,212	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted;
7	Public Service	2015	2016	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Public Services	CDBG: \$155,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Persons Assisted
8	Section 108	2015	2016	Non-housing community development	Chicopee Falls	Public Infrastructure, Parks, and Facilities	CDBG: \$360,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted
9	Planning and Administration	2015	2016				CDBG: \$209,000	

Table 17 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Brownfields
	Goal Description	Matching funds for the remediation of environmental conditions and other redevelopment activities on vacant and/or underutilized industrial parcels.
2	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Housing

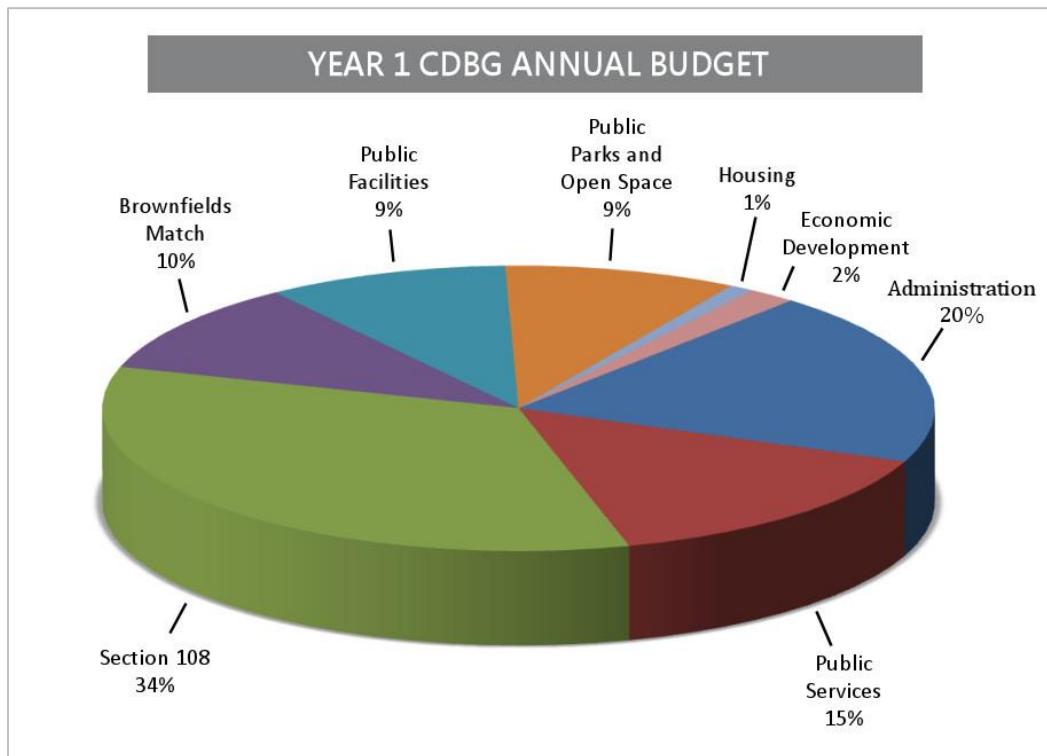
	Goal Description	Improve the quality of housing, increase housing opportunities available to low and moderate income households, and fund developer-driven affordable housing projects -- both rental and homeownership.
4	Goal Name	Buyer Assistance
	Goal Description	Assist First Time Homebuyers with down payment assistance.
5	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Public Park and Open Space Improvements
	Goal Description	<p>Improvement to parks and open space consistent with the City's Open Space Plan. The upgrading and replacement, where necessary, of the water, sewer, sidewalk, drainage, and street systems including: sewer, water and drainage rehabilitation.</p> <p>Implement handicap access improvements and removal of architectural barriers with a focus on sidewalks, crosswalks and public parks. Rehabilitation of public parks and recreational facilities.</p>
7	Goal Name	Public Service
	Goal Description	<p>The City seeks to provide a variety of public service programs and to continue to support nonprofit community development agencies to encourage the development of affordable housing. The City objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combating social illnesses, public safety and substance abuse, which each weaken the stability of the City's households and neighborhoods; • Improving quality of life for Chicopee's school children, through the provision of after school child care programs; • Improving the resources available to the City's population at risk of homelessness, residents in crisis, local consumers, and the physically and emotionally disabled population; • Improving quality of life for Chicopee's elderly population, through the provision of day health and recreational programs and transportation to reduce isolation; • Encouraging the creation of affordable housing and assisting those with emergency and transitional housing needs. Programs include legal aid, food pantry and meals, and referral and counseling services;
8	Goal Name	Section 108

	Goal Description	Payment of the Section 108 loan used to support the development of a new Senior Center.
9	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Planning and Administration

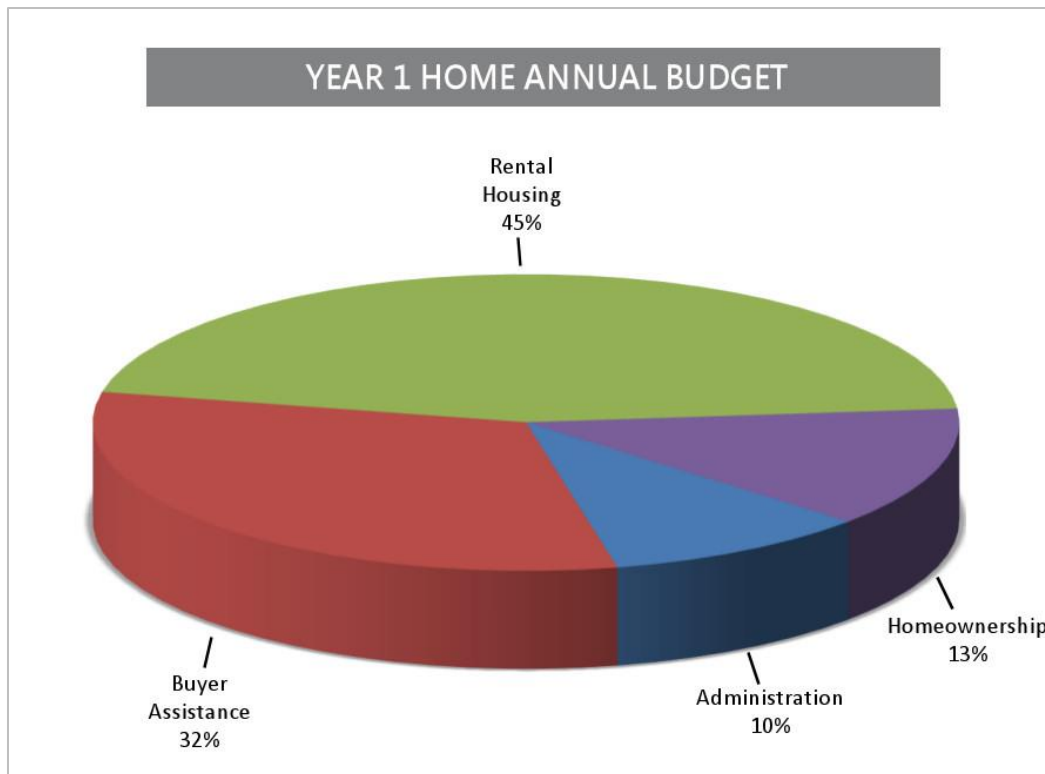
AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

In Year 1 of the Consolidated Plan, the City allocated funding that addresses unmet priority needs while continuing commitments to successful multi-year initiatives. The projects funded within Public Infrastructure and Public Facilities are long-standing commitments that make physical improvements to City systems and public facilities. Public Service Activity programs are likewise long-standing successful programs operated by the City and non-profit partner agencies.



Year 1 CDBG Annual Budget



Year 1 HOME Annual Budget

#	Project Name
1	Brownfield Redevelopment
2	Economic Development
3	Affordable Housing
4	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
5	Park and Open Spaces
6	Public Services
7	Section 108 Payment
8	Planning and Administration

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The primary objective of CDBG is to benefit low and moderate income residents and as such, the City focuses community development investments in neighborhoods with a high concentration of low and moderate income households. Census- and HUD-derived data support the basis for identifying eligible neighborhoods. Citizen participation and input from service providers also play a considerable role.

The City allocated funding to address the priorities identified within the Consolidated Plan process. The City is required to allocate funding towards the loan payment for the Senior Center. Funds were additionally allocated as matching funds for additional clean-up of Brownfields sites.

These two activities account for nearly 65% of the CDBG Entitlement funding.

The second significant funding allocation, representing nearly 15% of CDBG funds, is to successful public service programs. As the need for services far exceeds the available resources, service providers are encouraged to maximize leveraged funds and to avoid duplication of services.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Brownfield Redevelopment
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Brownfield Redevelopment Economic Development Affordable Housing Public Facilities and Infrastructure Public Parks and Open Space
	Needs Addressed	Brownfield Redevelopment
	Funding	CDBG: \$110,000
	Description	Matching funds for EPA grant applications that will allow for the testing, remediation, and clearance of Brownfield sites.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Benefits will be determined after redevelopment plan
	Location Description	Facemate and Uniroyal
	Planned Activities	Remediation of 2 acres
	2 Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	Downtown and major commercial corridors
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Funding to assist businesses to locate/expand opportunities and services to low income neighborhoods
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 businesses
	Location Description	Downtown and Commercial corridors
	Planned Activities	Assistance to small business to create jobs for low and moderate income persons

3	Project Name	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Safe Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG 10,000
	Description	Project Delivery, Staff, and Associated Cost to support the expansion of affordable housing city-wide, and improvement of housing conditions in low and moderate income areas.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Ten households are expected to be assisted. 5 extremely low income and 5 low income
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Preservation of existing affordable housing projects, coordinate access to home modification programs
4	Project Name	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Target Area	CDBG target areas
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities, Parks and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Improvements to Public Facilities and Infrastructure to support economic development activities
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 low and moderate income households
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Infrastructure in support of the Lyman Mills Redevelopment (Bridge, water, etc.) Creation of permanent home for a farmer's market in Chicopee and also a market for regionally produced food & agricultural products.
5	Project Name	Park and Open Spaces
	Target Area	CDBG target areas
	Goals Supported	Public Parks and Open Space
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities, Parks and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$96,212
	Description	Funding to implement park and open space plan recommendations
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 low and moderate income households
	Location Description	CDBG target areas
	Planned Activities	ADA updates to all service stations in all City Parks; State grant that requires a local match; Phase II upgrades at Wisniowski Park
6	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$155,000
	Description	Funding to non-profit social service providers
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 low and moderate income households
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	Provision of human services to low and moderate income persons
7	Project Name	Section 108 Payment
	Target Area	Chicopee Falls
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities, Parks and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$360,000
	Description	Payment of 108 Loan for Senior Center
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 elderly households
	Location Description	Senior Center - Chicopee falls
	Planned Activities	Payment of Section 108 Loan Daily activities - recreational and health - provided at the Senior Center
8	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	City-wide

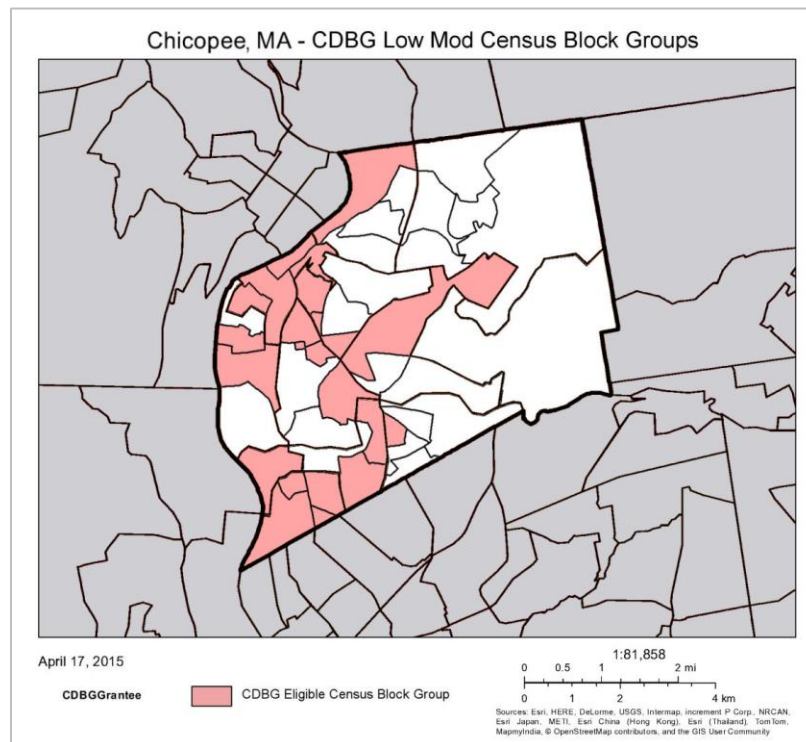
Goals Supported	Brownfields Eco Dev Affordable Housing Public Facilities Public Parks and Open Space Public Services Section 108 Loan
Needs Addressed	Administration
Funding	CDBG: \$209,000
Description	Staff and cost associated with the Planning and Administration of CDBG funds
Target Date	6/30/2016
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1500
Location Description	City-wide
Planned Activities	Planning and Administration of CDBG program funds

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The majority of CDBG funding in Year 1 is allocated to projects that are within CDBG eligible areas. 34% of the CDBG funding is expended to make payment on Section 108 borrowing for a new Senior Center located in a target neighborhood. Public service activities, which account for 15% of funding, are operated based upon the eligibility of the person/household, not through geographic targeting.

Geographic Distribution



Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Projects were priorities to address identified need rather than allocated to a particular neighborhood. In Year 1 of the Consolidated Plan, the CDBG funds are expended to improve low and moderate income areas in direct response to residents' identification of the need for Open Space, Parks, and Recreational Opportunities.

Discussion

Utilizing input from the Consultations and Citizen Participation, the City chose to target programmatic responses to identified needs rather than geographic targeting.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The Annual Action Plan activities and goals coincide with the priorities identified within the Consolidated Plan. The activities selected for Year 1 funding are those projects that are ready to proceed, and are able to make immediate impacts to low and moderate income persons. Eligible projects selected through the process included clearance and demolition as a continuation of ongoing efforts at the Uniroyal/Facemate site, matching funds for park and open space grants, public infrastructure improvements, as well as Section 108 payments for the Senior Center.

Eligible public service activities were selected through a formal solicitation process, which prioritizes programs to best address identified needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

One of the City's highest priorities is the lack of affordable housing. The City's membership within the Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield Consortium provides access to funding to address this goal. The City will seek to engage with private developers and property owners to create opportunities for low and moderate income persons.

The City will ensure that selected public improvement projects are ready to proceed. Often, public works projects can encounter numerous delays due to public process, design, and weather constraints. To minimize delays, the City has selected those improvements that are able to be undertaken during Year 1 of the Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Per the discussion above, the City has identified Affordable Housing as a High Priority need. Towards the goal of preserving, producing, and improving affordable housing, the City employs a Housing Specialist to engage with developers to maximize production of affordable units. Additionally, the City will explore opportunities to create a home rehabilitation program.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will ensure compliance with Massachusetts lead laws on all homebuyer assistance and developer-driven projects, both homeowner and rental.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Action Plan includes funding of public service programs that support self-sufficiency.

The City will continue to actively ensure that anti-poverty programs operated by the Valley Opportunity Council, the recognized community action agency, will continue to be provided to Chicopee residents.

The City is an active member of the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County and will continue to support job training and employment readiness programs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City will continue to enhance its program coordination functions, specifically in the areas of prioritization of projects and performance monitoring. Through interdepartmental communication, the Community Development Department will be readily available to identify ready-to-proceed public works and facility projects. The City will evaluate its process for selection of public service projects to include a greater focus on outcome measures.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City benefits from a strong network of regional housing and human services providers. The City directly operates quality programs for elders through its Council on Aging.

The City will continue to participate as a member of the Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield HOME Consortium. Through this participation, the City is able to effectively coordinate its housing agenda with the surrounding communities.

Discussion

See above discussions

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The City does anticipate a small amount of CDBG program income throughout the year but the funds are programmed upon receipt. While the City does not anticipate expending funds for Urgent Needs, the redevelopment of Brownfield site may result in the utilization of Slum and Blight national objective.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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|---|---|
| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 0 |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan | 0 |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements | 0 |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan. | 0 |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities | |
| Total Program Income | |

Other CDBG Requirements

- | | |
|---|-----|
| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 80% |

Discussion

The City has allocated all Entitlement funds and annual Program Income towards the furtherance of activities to meet the needs of low and moderate income person. The City will utilize at least 80 % of its 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 (3 years) for activities that directly benefit low and moderate income persons.

Appendices

Citizen Participation

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**CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND
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30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD AND PUBLIC
HEARING**

Title I of the Cranston-
Gonzalez National Afford-
able Housing Act requires
that in order to apply for
certain U.S. Department of
Housing & Urban Develop-
ment (HUD) Programs, the
City of Chicago must have
an approved Consolidated
Plan. The Consolidated Plan
will be available April 21 to
May 21, 2015 for review
and comments at the Com-
munity Development De-
partment, 38 Center St.
Chicago, IL. The Five
Year Consolidated Plan
and One Year Action Plan
for program year July 1,
2015 through June 30, 2016.
The Plan can also be
viewed on the Community
Development page at
Chicago.gov.
Comments may be sent in
writing no later than May
21, 2015 to Carl Dietz, City
of Chicago, 38 Center St.,
Chicago, IL or by email to
CDietz@chicago.gov.
March 17, 2015

South Hadley, Granby

Beginning at a point in the
northerly side of New Lu-
dlow Road, said point is
the southeasterly corner
of land of J. Albert
Lariviere (Lot #5); thence
running

Northerly and along land
of said J. Albert Lariviere
(Lot #5) two hundred eight
and sixty-eight one hun-
dredths (208.68) feet to the
southwesterly line of land
of Joseph Gaudette et ux;

thence
Southeasterly at an includ-
ed angle of 10 degrees 06'
17" with the last described
line, and along land of said
Gaudette, one hundred
eight and eight tenths
(100.8) feet to a point in
the northwesterly corner
of lot #7; thence

Southerly at an included
angle of 109 degrees 53'
45" with the last described
line, and along the wester-
ly line of lot #7, one hun-
dred forty-six and twelve
one hundredths (146.12)
feet to the northerly side
of New Ludlow Road,

thence
Westerly along the north-
erly side of said New Lu-
dlow Road on the arc of a
curve of a twenty-one hun-
dred sixty (2160) foot radi-
us, one hundred and seven
one hundredths (100.07)
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ing. Being Lot #6 on a
plan of land entitled "Land
of Lariviere" Granby,
Mass. survey by John J.
McCool, Nov. 1956 and re-
corded in Hampshire
County Registry of Deeds,
Book of Plans 51, Page 56.
Parcel II

Being known as lot #7 on
the aforesaid plan, being
more particularly bounded
and described as follows:
Southerly by New Ludlow
Road, one hundred ninety-
seven and fifty-nine one
hundredths (197.59) feet;

Westerly by Lot #6 one
said plan, one hundred
forty-six and twelve one
hundredths (146.12) feet
Northeasterly by land now
or formerly of one
Gaudette, one hundred
ninety-four and seventy-
four one hundredths
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strictions, reservations,
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CARE AND PROTECTION TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

DOCKET NUMBER: 14CP015059
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Hampden County Juvenile Court
80 State Street
Springfield, MA 01102
(413) 748-7714

TO: Edwin Llorens, the father of Tyler Antonio Llorens, born to Serina Marie Wainscott on 09/03/1998, and Edwin Jr. Llorens, born to Serina Marie Wainscott on 12/22/2000.
A petition has been presented to this court by Department of Children & Families, seeking, as to the following child(ren), Tyler Antonio Llorens, Edwin Jr. Llorens, that said child(ren) be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship of the child(ren) named herein, if it finds that the child(ren) is/are in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter with a trial on the merits of the petition and an adjudication of this matter.

For further information, call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at (413) 748-7714.
WITNESS:
Hon. Daniel J. Swords
DATE ISSUED: 04/09/2015
Donald F. Whitney
CLERK-MAGISTRATE
(April 17, 20, 27)

TO: Keith Miguel, biological father of Yarelis Mary Gracia Alvarez, born November 6, 2011, and presumptive father of Luis Juan Carlos Gonzalez, born February 20, 2013. The mother of the children is Milagros Delipolar Acevedo a/k/a Milagros Delipolar Gonzalez.
A petition has been filed and a hearing has been scheduled to put an end to all rights you have to your children, Yarelis Mary Gracia Alvarez and Luis Juan Carlos Gonzalez. That hearing will be held in the Courtroom of Judge Madelyn S. Feldman, Berks County Courthouse, 633 Court Street, Reading, PA on May 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. If you fail to attend the hearing, the hearing will go on without you and the court may end your rights to your child.

You have the right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer, contact the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

Lawyer's Referral Service of Berks County
Berks County Bar Association
544 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601
Telephone No. 610-775-4591
If you cannot afford a lawyer, you can contact Berks Children and Youth Services for an application for court-appointed representation. You MUST fill out the application completely and accurately to the court can determine if

Springfield, MA 01102
(413) 748-7714
TO: Jarrett A. Clayton, or the father of Frankie Jarrett Clayton-Carter, born on 09/08/2008, to Nicole Lucinda Carter, and Asia Samone Clayton-Carter, that said child(ren) be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship of the child(ren) named herein, if it finds that the child(ren) is/are in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter with a trial on the merits of the petition and an adjudication of this matter.

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Clerk of Orphan's Court
Berks County Services
633 Court Street, 2nd Floor
Reading, PA 19601
In the event you do not submit the form in a timely manner, your request will be denied unless there is good cause shown for the untimeliness.

Jeffrey L. Grimes, Esquire
Attorney for Berks County Children and Youth Services
633 Court Street, 11th Floor
Reading, PA 19601-4323
(April 17)

Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center Class Action Settlement
Baggett, et al. v. Ashe, et al.
U.S. District Court of Massachusetts, C.A. No. 13-30223-LAP
A federal court authorized this notice. This is not an advertisement from a lawyer.

You could get a payment from a class action settlement. If you were strip searched at the Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center while a male corrections officer videotaped the strip search, on or after September 15, 2006, you may be eligible to receive a payment estimated to be at least \$850.

To participate, you must submit a complete Settlement Claim Form that is received by June 22, 2015. You may obtain the form by writing to the Law Office of Howard Friedman, P.C., 80 Canal Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02118, or by visiting www.civilrights.org.

law.com/HampdenCountyClassAction
(April 17, 18)

Agawam

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Brian J. Fearebay to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated August 12, 2005 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 15247, Page 37, subsequently assigned to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 18913, Page 501 subsequently assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 20650, Page 21 of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on May 1, 2015 at 83 Lealand Avenue, Agawam, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to-wit: In said Mortgage, the land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, located on the

South side of Lealand Avenue, together with the buildings thereon, being Lot 220 (twenty) as shown on a plan of lots called "Agawam Lea", dated September 5, 1915, recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans C, Page 62, and the East twenty (20) feet of Lot 1 (twenty-one) as shown on said plan, and being more particularly bound and described in one parcel as follows: On the NORTH by Lealand Avenue, seventy (70) feet; on the EAST by Lot #13 (thirteen), as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; on the SOUTH by land of owner unknown, seventy (70) feet; and on the WEST by a straight line twenty (20) feet West of the East line of Lot #21 (twenty-one), as shown on said plan and parallel thereto, one hundred (100) feet. SUBJECT to assessment of way taken in Lealand Avenue by the Town of Agawam as set forth under instrument dated April 6, 1993 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2238, Page 208. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagee herein by deed of Steven L. Seash and Peter J. Seash to be recorded herewith in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Upon information and belief the first paragraph of the legal description attached to the mortgage contains a typographical error wherein the word "identified as" and the East twenty (20) feet of Lot 1 (twenty-one) as shown on said plan. The correct description being and to-wit: East twenty (20) feet of Lot 21 (twenty-one) as shown on said plan.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all encumbrances, restrictions, liens, and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal assessments, rights of benefits and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to the Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale. Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, Present Holder of said Mortgage.
By its ATTORNEYS,
DORLAND MORAN PLLC
PO Box 546540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
14-009194
(April 10, 17, 24)

CITY OF CHICOPEE
TREES REMOVAL
PUBLIC HEARING
As per Mass General Law Chapter 87 a public hearing will take place at City of Chicopee Department of Public Works
1155 Basin Drive
April 21, 2015 at 5:00 PM
This hearing pertains to trees that need to be removed for work to be performed on the West Alenewille Sewer Separation Project and the Barnville Avenue reconstruction. All trees needed to be removed have been posted in the project area and an assessment as to the removal of said trees must be received in writing by the Tree Warden at 115 Basin Drive, Chicopee MA, 0102 on or before April 21, 2015 and/or hand delivered to the public hearing.
(April 16, 17)

CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING
Title I of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act requires that in order to apply for certain U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Programs, the City of Chicopee must have an approved Consolidated Plan.
The Consolidated Plan will be available April 21, 2015, 2015 for review and comments at the Community Development Department, 38 Center Street, Chicopee, MA. The Five Year Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan begin on July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. The Plan can also be viewed on the Community Development page at ChicopeeMA.gov. Comments may be sent to Planning@ChicopeeMA.gov, 21, 2015 to Carl Dietz, City of Chicopee, 38 Center Street, Chicopee, MA, by email to CarlDietz@ChicopeeMA.gov.
(April 17, 20)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Day Robillard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated June 2, 2005 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 15130, Page 16, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-dated January 22, 2011 and recorded with said registry on January 21, 2011 at Book 19650 Page 36, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on May 4, 2015 on the mortgaged premises located at 77 Meadow Street, Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.
TO WIT:
The land with the buildings thereon situated in Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point the southeasterly side of Meadow Street at the northeasterly corner of Lot #15 (fifteen), as shown on Plan of Lots hereinafter referred to; and running thence
NORTHEASTERLY along the southeasterly side of Meadow Street, (ft)

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* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision
* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/>		
* Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>		
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="05/15/2015"/>		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text" value="B-15-MC-25-006"/>
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="City of Chicopee"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="04-6001385"/>		* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="0669812180000"/>
d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text" value="36 Center St"/>		
Street2: <input type="text"/>		
* City: <input type="text" value="Chicopee"/>		
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: <input type="text" value="MA: Massachusetts"/>		
Province: <input type="text"/>		
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>		
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="01013"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development Dept"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>		* First Name: <input type="text" value="Carl"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Dietz"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Director"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="1-413-594-1490"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text" value="1-413-594-1495"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="cdietz@chicopeema.gov"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

US Dept of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

CDBG Entitlement

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

14.218 CDBG

* Title:

Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan Entitlement program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**


Consolidated Plan 2015-2019 and Year 1 Action Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant <input type="text" value="2nd"/>	* b. Program/Project <input type="text" value="2nd"/>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="07/01/2015"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="06/30/2016"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,045,212.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="15,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,060,212.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? <input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", provide explanation and attach <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Richard"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Kos"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="MayorKos@chicopeema.gov"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="1-413-594-1500"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="413-594-1504"/>
* Email: <input type="text"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="5-8-15"/>

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) _____, _____ (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.


Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



Signature/Authorized Official

Date

5.8.15